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Dearer petrol and higher pension in TUC Budget advice

By Paul Roulledge
Labour Editor
Union leaders yesterday suggested higher petrol and diesel oil prices and increased taxes on luxury goods to help to pay for a £2,000m programme of government investment in industry and the social services.
The TUC economic committee asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to increase retirement pensions in his November 12 Budget by £1 a week for single people and £1.60 for married couples from January, and called for £50m more in family allowances to be paid immediately.
The unions argued that a new rate of 12 per cent value-added tax to be levied on "road fuel" and goods that formerly attracted high purchase tax, such as jewelry and fur coats, would add £300m to a full year's tax income.
They also defended increased taxation of petrol and diesel oil on grounds of fuel conservation and help for the balance of payments.
In discussions with Mr Healey and senior Cabinet ministers lasting 90 minutes, the TUC pressed for a series of measures designed to triple the rise in gross domestic product next year from the disappointing estimate of 1 per cent in 1974.
Mr Len Murray, general secretary, said the Chancellor's thinking was not very far removed from that of the unions.
After reaching agreement with Mr Healey on a "general diagnosis" of the economic situation, the TUC economic committee will next week look at ways of getting across more forcefully to shopfloor negotiators the wage restraint provisions of the social contract.
Concern was expressed by ministers and union leaders about

Dr Kissinger begins peace mission in Cairo today

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Nov 4
Dr Kissinger arrived in Rome tonight from Belgrade for brief consultations with Italian leaders before flying on to Cairo tomorrow.
In the course of the next few days the Secretary of State is to visit five Middle East capitals to gauge the prospects for peace since the Arab summit conference at Rabat last week. This gave the Palestine Liberation Organization the sole authority to negotiate on behalf of all Palestinians.
It was announced today that after this rapid tour Dr Kissinger is to fly on Friday to Turkey for talks "to further the prospects of a peace settlement in Cyprus".
His programme in Italy included dinner tonight as the guest of President Leone. After further talks with Italian leaders, Dr Kissinger is to address the World Food Conference in Rome tomorrow.
Belgrade: Earlier in the day Dr Kissinger, in a carefully calculated statement, told the Arab and Israel Government "to understand the special necessities of each other and make an effort to bring their positions closer to each other".
Dr Kissinger had been promoting parallel negotiations between Israel and Jordan on the one hand, and Israel and Egypt on the other. But the Rabat summit appeared to have stalled, if not killed, his effort

Majority of 14 for Government in first vote

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster, Monday
The first vote of the new Parliament last night gave the Government an unexpectedly comfortable majority of 14, which was 11 more than its majority over all opposition parties. There were loud cheers from the Labour benches as Mr Mellish, the Chief Whip, gave a thumbs-up signal as he returned to the Chamber from the division lobbies.
The Conservative amendment on which the division took place regretted "the disastrous proposals for the nationalization of the aircraft, shipbuilding and offshore oil industries, the establishment of a national enterprise board, and the imposition of planning agreements, leading to bureaucratic interference, further loss of confidence damage to investment, and rising unemployment".
Just before the fifth day's debate on the Queen's Speech ended there were angry exchanges between Mr Heath and Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, as the Tory leader tried repeatedly to get the Minister to say where the money for his majority participation in North Sea oil.
Mr Varley flatly refused to give an answer.
Mr Varley shouted above the uproar that the Government would give the British people a stake in their oil industry and would find the money which would be required. It was at this point that Mr Heath intervened. The Secretary of State, he said, wanted to put money into oil which was already completely under the Government's control.
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Coach-bomb woman jailed for 30 years

Judith Teresa Ward, formerly of the Women's Royal Army Corps, was jailed at Wakefield Crown Court, West Yorkshire, yesterday for a total of 30 years for causing the M62 coach explosion and the blast at the National Defence College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire. She received concurrent life sentences on each of the 12 murder charges.
For causing the M62 explosion she was jailed for 20 years; for 10 years to run consecutively for causing that at Latimer, and five years, to run concurrently, for the blast at Euston Station, London. The jury's verdicts were all unusual except one relating to the Euston explosion which was by a majority of ten to two. Page 4

Watergate trial surprise

The prosecution produced a bombshell at the Watergate cover-up trial in Washington—a memorandum written by Mr Howard Hunt, one of the Watergate burglars, saying the White House had promised him and the others hush money and pardons.
It was dated November 11, 1972, and had been missing for two years. Mr Hunt's former lawyer produced it this week-end.
Mr Hunt had written that the memorandum was not a threat "but a reminder that loyalty should always be a two-way street". Page 8

Lorry pay claim

Union leaders of British Road Services lorry drivers yesterday demanded a new wage deal in line with the settlement that ended the Scottish strike. Workers at Freightliner and National Carriers depots began a series of unofficial strikes in support of new wage agreements.

Stock market hit

London stock markets suffered further falls yesterday on fears in the City of renewed wage inflation on industrial disruption. Fresh selling hit the ill-edged market, with pressure falling more heavily on the shorter dated stocks. Share prices too lost ground. The FT index fell 5.4 points to 191.2, but selling of shares was not heavy.
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More rail chaos

Southern Region train services are expected to be disrupted this morning as the signalmen's strike which began at 2 pm yesterday continues. Page 2

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Government to view new work controls

A Staff Reporter
The Government is to carry a full review into the need extending controls over fire-works, it was announced yesterday. In a written answer Mr Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said a full range of possible measures would be considered, including new or extended restrictions on the availability of fireworks to the public. They would also cover the age at which fireworks should be bought or used, the time during which sales might be made, and the types of fireworks available and the licensing outlets.
As part of the investigation consultative document would be circulated inviting all arrests concerned to give their views. In another reply he said statistics of fireworks accidents showed that jumping children caused more injuries than to numbers sold than other variety.
After discussions with the Home Office, fireworks manufacturers had agreed voluntarily phase out production of popping crackers, and it was understood that they would not put on sale next year.

Workers blockade factory in protest over sugar deal

By Hugh Clayton
Deliveries from the largest sugar refinery in Britain ceased yesterday as workers began a blockade in protest against the Government's acceptance of EEC arrangements for the marketing of sugar.
It went into effect as retailers were allowed to charge up to 51p extra for 2lb bags. Refiners said that stocks offered at the old price were unlikely to be exhausted before Thursday or Friday.
The workers are to restrict their action to the refinery at Silvertown, east London, owned by Tate and Lyle. The plant produces about a third of all sugar supplied in Britain.
The blockade will affect food processors and most shops in southern England, the West Country and south Midlands. It will last for a fortnight, ending as the EEC Commission begins talks with Commonwealth producers about cane supplies to the Community next year.
Mr John Fennell, spokesman for the Tate and Lyle workers' action committee at the Liverpool refinery, said that no stoppage would occur there until the results of the EEC-Commonwealth talks were known. If they were unsatisfactory there would be a three-day stoppage.
The company said it would not divert sugar from its refineries on Merseyside, and in Scotland to compensate for the Silvertown blockade. It has not given overt support to the workers' campaign, but has similar misgivings about sugar contracting methods.
Mr John Edmonds, of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said the blockade was intended to stiffen the resolve of the Commonwealth Minister of Agriculture, in his talks with the EEC.
His members, who cover all stages of production in cane refineries, wanted to safeguard imports of 1,400,000 tons of sugar from developing Commonwealth countries. Terms for these supplies will be negotiated by the EEC later this month.
The workers have further misgivings about the 200,000 tons that the EEC is to subsidize, once refiners have bought it from free markets outside the Community, where prices remain exceptionally high.
Refinery workers feared at first that much of this sugar

Three killed by train at level crossing

Two women and a man were killed when they were struck by an empty oil train at a level crossing at Bramley station, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, last night.
They were believed to have left the 5.30 pm Basingstoke to Reading train, and were apparently taking a short cut. The level crossing gates were closed at the time, British Rail said.
The police last night were withholding the names and addresses of the victims. The line was closed during investigations.

Poll shows British want to stay in EEC and try to obtain better terms

By a Staff Reporter
The British public appear to be much more interested in negotiating better terms for continued membership of the EEC than in pulling out of it, according to a poll published by Louis Harris yesterday.
The Louis Harris findings were that, given four options, 53 per cent of the sample were in favour of maintaining a member of the EEC and trying to improve the terms. Fifteen per cent would withdraw unless we obtained better terms.
Sixteen per cent would withdraw from the EEC as quickly as possible. Six per cent said we

Zambian troops take over vehicle servicing

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka: Nov 4
Zambian troops moved in at dawn today to take over depots of the country's mechanical service branch which services Government vehicles.
In a statement later President Kaunda said that this had been ordered because of the "disgusting performance" of the branch. All Zambian employees would be sent into National Service for training and expatriate ones would be redeployed.
The branch would now come under the Ministry of Defence.

HOME NEWS

Army plain-clothes detectives secretly help Ulster police in hunt for sectarian killers

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

More Scotland Yard-trained members of the Army's Special Investigation Branch have been drafted in to assist detectives of the Royal Ulster Constabulary investigating sectarian assassinations in Ulster.

The plain-clothes SIB investigators, the Army's equivalent of the CID, normally investigate internal crimes within the Army. I understand that the decision to increase the numbers of SIB investigators was taken because of government concern at the upsurge in sectarian violence after the assassination of the leading member of the judiciary by the Provisional IRA in September.

Attempts are being made to reintroduce normal policing in Ulster, so the drafting in of extra military personnel to assist the RUC is regarded as politically sensitive and has not been made public, despite mounting Roman Catholic pressure for extra measures against the assassins who have claimed more than 15 lives since September.

Members of the SIB were originally drafted in to assist Belfast detectives during the last wave of sectarian assassinations, which began here in 1972.

After that failed off, the numbers dropped significantly. Last night an RUC spokesman refused to disclose how many plain-clothes SIB investigators had been seconded. "It is not felt that it would be in our interest to give any indication of the numbers involved," he said.

Figures released by the Government after yesterday's weekly security meeting at Stormont showed that in the past six weeks seven people have been charged with sectarian crimes, all related directly to sectarian assassinations, including the killing of two Catholic half-brothers on October 21 and the murder of another man in Portadown.

After a surprise decision to accept a government invitation to inspect the conditions at the troubled Maze prison at Long Kesh later today, representatives of the predominantly Roman Catholic and Labour Party have been told that they will be assisted by a mix of the republican prisoners held there.

An angry statement issued in Belfast on behalf of the sentenced republican prisoners made clear they will have no dealings with the three SIB men who will join an all-party

delegation inspecting attempts to rebuild the camp after the recent riots.

The prisoners said: "We do not recognize the right of the SDLP to speak or act on our behalf, and we will not take part in a charade designed for no other purpose than to aid their party at a time when their credibility is virtually zero."

The SDLP had rejected the original government invitation to send a representative in the immediate aftermath of the disturbances. But in spite of the charges all related directly to sectarian assassinations, including the killing of two Catholic half-brothers on October 21 and the murder of another man in Portadown.

After the SDLP had described a recent invitation to talks with the police authority as political blackmail, the authority explained yesterday that its only intention has been to try to achieve a mutual understanding on police matters. The authority, which controls the RUC, emphasized that it was a non-political body with both Protestant and Roman Catholic members.

Two soldiers were in hospital last night, one seriously ill, after a booby trap bomb had exploded while they were searching an empty house in Lurgan, co Armagh. A woman and three children passing the house were slightly injured.

Police and farmers in cattle port struggle

From Trevor Fishlock
Holyhead

Hundreds of farmers besieged the gates of Holyhead docks last night as a ship carrying 600 cattle from Ireland approached the port.

Police barricaded the dock gates with a bulldozer and scores of policemen linked arms as farmers surged towards the gates.

Helmeted men were knocked off as a group of young men tried to climb the gates. Several reached the roof of a building beside the dock gate and threatened to jump down but inside scores of policemen were waiting.

A column of policemen tried to reinforce their colleagues at the gate but were pushed back by farmers who had come from a two-hour rally.

They were there to call for government action in the farming crisis. At the end of the rally some of their leaders urged the farmers, more than 2,500, to disperse quietly. But the men were in a determined and angry mood.

Earlier at the rally, Mr. Peart, Secretary of State for Agriculture, was accused of having squandered the goodwill of farmers.

Mr. John Hooson, a hill farmer, said Mr. Peart had "squandered our goodwill" and had turned peaceful farmers into a rabble. "You are presiding over the total collapse of the world's greatest beef industry," he said.

British Rail allowed the farmers to use the customs hall but the National Union of Railwaymen branch in the town has said it is worried that the farmers' actions could lead to the cattle service being suspended or routed, with a resulting loss of beef producers had reached "almost a riot situation in the countryside".

Mr. David Cary Evans, chairman of the National Farmers' Union Welsh Council, said yesterday (Our Agricultural Correspondent writes).

He said, in a message before meeting Mr. Morris, the Secretary of State for Wales, that Welsh farmers should be given tax relief and free veterinary services for their cattle.

The corporation has refused to negotiate with the men, saying that as trade unionists they are party to a national wage agreement for manual workers now being negotiated and likely to be announced within a few



Royal gallery visit: The Queen (left), Lady Sarah Armstrong Jones and Princess Margaret admiring a four-faced astronomical clock, made in 1768, at an exhibition of a collection started by George III, at the Queen's Gallery yesterday.

Train service chaos expected again

By Our Labour Staff

Morning rush-hour rail services on Southern Region are expected to be severely disrupted today by staff at 22 key signalboxes who are holding a 24-hour stoppage over a pay claim. Services last night were badly affected.

Signalmen in the Hastings area are to extend their strike until 6 am tomorrow, causing disruption to Ashford, Hastings, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone East services.

The action is being concentrated on the region's south-eastern division, which serves the Medway towns and the Kent and south-east London commuter belt. Last night services from Blackfriars, Holborn and the east side of Victoria were at a standstill, and those from Cannon Street and Charing Cross were severely curtailed.

On Sunday, after a day of talks between rail management and officials of the National Union of Railwaymen, it appeared that the leaders of the unofficial strike had agreed to call off the stoppage, but later they reversed the decision and the stoppage went ahead.

The signalmen, most of whom are members of the Railway Union of Great Britain, an unrecognized body with a membership of a few hundred, plan to

return to normal working

pm today.

The men involved are in the two lowest grades, signalmen, whose minimum basic weekly rate is £25. They say that it is only 30p at the standard rate for a signaller, in spite of a signaller's much greater responsibilities.

The NUR has told the fact that it is prepared to hold special meetings in the future to discuss the grievance of signalmen; their claim also be discussed when three main rail unions meet day to start drawing a general wage claim for 180,000 rail staff to take effect from May.

Marlebone affected: London Midland Region last night that the strike spread today to affect services using services Marlebone, Commuters, Bicester, High Wycombe, Luton, and Reading. Areas would be affected Press Association reports.

British Rail last night commuters in a large area Kent to stay at home today. Merseyside stoppage: 1 man 40,000 Merseyside cars were affected by a strike by signalmen.

The stoppage, for 24 hours began at midnight on Su

Health debate grows as sewage talks fail

From Ronald Faux
Glasgow

The Clyde, until recently a proud example of what modern purification can achieve over generations of pollution, is now darker and dirtier by the weight of 3,000 million tons of raw sewage. Because 120 workers are striking for an immediate pay rise of £10 a week, all Glasgow's sewage is being diverted untreated into the river.

It is feared that towns around the city that usually discharge through the Glasgow system, may soon run out of storage space and be forced to discharge into the smaller rivers that run into the Clyde.

The Glasgow health authority is keenly weighing these risks against the possibility of aggravating the unofficial strike, now in its fifth week, if troops or other operators are brought in to deal with the situation.

The corporation has refused to negotiate with the men, saying that as trade unionists they are party to a national wage agreement for manual workers now being negotiated and likely to be announced within a few

days. Hopes of ending the dead-

lock collapsed yesterday when talks broke down.

Health officials take the view that since Glasgow's supply of drinking water is not taken from the Clyde and cannot be contaminated by the filth now being poured into the river, there is no threat to health. They agree that the Clyde is becoming offensive and that years of conscientious purifying work are being washed away, but so long as people do not swim, fall into or play near the river, there is no threat to health.

But Professor Gordon T. Stewart, of the Department of Community Medicine, Glasgow University, wrote to *The Times* yesterday raising the possibility of long-term hazards to health. Commenting on his letter he said: "The risk of pollution, hepatitis, and dysentery and similar infections being present in the water cannot be discounted. I have no wish to press the panic button, but there is evidence in Naples and Lisbon of what polluted water can mean." In those cities there were outbreaks of

cholera. "The likelihood is very remote of the same thing happening in Glasgow, but it is very sad the city should spoil its excellent health record," he said.

The Clyde was a huge, offensive sewer. Contamination was spreading into backwaters and tributaries, to towns and beaches in the estuary, where the effects would be lasting and by the sea birds to reservoirs inland.

The manner in which the authorities had allowed the workers to stop the works offended the professor as much as the sewage pouring into the Clyde. The behaviour of the men and of the authorities who have put up with this is the biggest danger. It is a bad precedent for people in the health industry," he said. Corrective action was being withheld, supposedly because the right to strike was a basic right in a free community. But there was also the right of that community to safeguard its health and freedom to act.

After Professor Stewart's warnings, the Clyde River Purification Board wrote to Glasgow Corporation asking for its

view about health hazards

Desmond Hammett, a director of the board, said very close watch is being kept on the Clyde. When next we have been putting two of oxygen a day into the polluted areas."

The board was concerned towns such as East Kilbride, Hamilton, Airdrie, and Glasgow, which usually discharge through Glasgow, have prevented by the strike doing so, and will soon be forced to pour sewage into the Clyde. That, feared, might cause bad

Edinburgh pumps untreated sewage into the Forth with apparent risk to health, but Hammett said the area was possibly smaller and area of water much larger and strongly affected.

"No major hazard": Greater Glasgow Health E has decided to inform the Pollution Board that the charge of raw sewage does constitute a serious health hazard to Glasgow or the Valley (our Glasgow Correspondent writes).

Retarded girl detained for life over killing

A girl aged 16 but with a mental age of 10 was ordered at Newcastle on Tyne Crown Court yesterday to be detained for life for killing her blind grandmother, aged 80, by setting her on fire.

Barbara Falkner, an absentee from a Newcastle residential school, denied murdering Mrs Evelyn McLachlan, a widow, of Cranleigh Road, Sunderland, on June 10. Her plea of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility was accepted.

Mr Justice Mocatta told her: "Don't be too worried about the words detention for life. It means some unfixed period depending on how you develop and grow up."

Mr Humphrey Potts, QC, for the prosecution, said the grandmother had turned the girl away from her home because she was always asking for money.

The girl told police she sneaked into Mrs McLachlan's house when the old woman went for some coal. Later when Mrs McLachlan was washing up, the girl set fire to her grandmother's pinafore with a match, stole £3 from her purse and ran off. The old woman did not know she was there.

Mr Geoffrey Baker, QC, for the defence, pleaded for the period to be fixed for the girl's detention so she could see light at the end of the tunnel.

She had a mental age of 10 and was a pathetic slip of a girl who had been starved of love, he said. She was a perfect example of what had been discovered by experts that children mirrored the treatment they received.

'Life' for sex attack

Sentence of life imprisonment was passed at Ipswich Crown Court yesterday on Karlus Bringtons, aged 23, a labourer, of no fixed address, who pleaded guilty to a sexual offence against a boy aged seven in Bradford.

Dorothy Squires alleged to have paid for BBC trip

Dorothy Squires, the singer, paid for visits to Malta and Gibraltar made in 1970 by Jack Dabbs, a radio producer, when he was in charge of the BBC's Sunday programme *Worldwide Family Favourites*. It was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

They were corrupt inducements or rewards for playing records on the programme, Mr Stephen Mitchell, for the Crown, alleged.

The records were "Eyes of the Beholder" sung by A. J. Kelly, written by Miss Squires and her own record, "My Way".

Mr Mitchell told the jury: "It is only right that I should tell you that the Crown's case against Mr Dabbs and Miss Squires is not a strong one, particularly in so far as they relate to the charges concerning the visit to Gibraltar." He said later that according to Mr Dabbs Miss Squires paid for the Malta visit as "an innocent act of friendship".

Mr Dabbs had told detectives that he went to Gibraltar at his own expense. Although Miss Squires actually paid the air fare and hotel bill he repaid her a few days later in cash.

Man cleared of Buggy murder

Francis Daniels, aged 64, a gambling club owner, of Portland Place, St. Marylebone, London, was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court last night of murdering John "Scotch Jack" Buggy seven years ago.

He and Abraham Lewis, aged 65, his former club secretary, of Sidney Square, Bethnal Green, London, were also acquitted of harbouring the murderer and perverting the course of justice.

Lorry drivers seek parity with Scots

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

Union leaders of nearly 20,000 British Road Services lorry drivers yesterday lodged a claim for substantial pay increases in line with the wage deal that ended the Scottish transport strike.

BRS, which represents most of the nationalized sector and is by far the country's largest road haulier, has been asked by the Transport and General Workers' Union to increase basic rates by between £4.50 and £6.50 a week.

Pressure is building up among lorry drivers throughout England for an immediate pay deal to match the Scottish settlement, which, haulage operators there have said, will increase road transport costs by a quarter.

Drivers in the Newcastle area have given a week's strike notice following a new deal. Yesterday several hundred workers

at Freightliner and National Carriers depots began a series of unofficial strikes in support of new agreements.

Freightliner drivers and other staff were on indefinite strike at King's Cross, Stratford, Willesden, Coarbridge, Liverpool and Millbrook (Southampton). Six National Carriers depots in the London area were at a standstill.

The British Road Services drivers recently concluded a pay agreement to start on December 2, which they seek to reopen. Basic rates for a 40-hour week would have gone up to £33.55 for the lowest grade of driver and £35.50 for the highest. Drivers however, can earn up to £42.22 for a guaranteed 45-hour week.

Union leaders want parity with the new Scottish basic rate of £40 for a 40-hour week. The BRS negotiations will continue today, when officials of the National Freight Corporation will reply to the claim.

Slow start to consultants' work-to-rule

By Martin Huckerby

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, last night criticized the hospital consultants for taking industrial action over the planned abolition of pay beds "without waiting to see the actual details of what we are prepared to offer them."

Some consultants started a work-to-rule in the North of England yesterday and general action may be called for at the weekend, but Mrs Castle complained that she had only repeated the Government's policy on phasing out pay beds in National Health Service hospitals.

Speaking on the BBC television programme *Nationalia*, she said: "I think people have taken alarm prematurely." The consultants have argued that she preempted the discussions they

were having on a Government working party by saying that the Government would act on pay beds this session, but she said she now wanted the details of the phasing out discussed by the working party.

Mrs Castle said detailed proposals on doctors' contracts had now gone out to members of the joint working party, and she urged the consultants to sit down with her and look at the details. If the Government policy to phase out private beds and the consultants should consider with the Government the practical implications of the policy.

The work-to-rule started very slowly yesterday with action in only a few hospitals in the Cleveland area. Mr Roland Cowley, chairman of the committee representing British Medical Association consultants in the North-east and Cumbria, said: "It is early days yet, but I'm hopeful it will

spread in the course of the next few days."

The unofficial work-to-rule involves consultants working their statutory 34½ hours a week, instead of perhaps 60 hours.

Pressure appears to be building up from consultants and specialists for determined action not only on the subject of private beds but also on the issue of pay. Consultants on the Government working party considering pay beds will decide tomorrow at a meeting in London whether to continue talking to the Government in the light of Mrs Castle's statement.

The meeting includes representatives of the BMA consultants, the Hospital Consultants' Association, and the Joint Consultants' Committee, and it is expected to be mainly concerned with deciding whether to remain on the working party.

But it may well also make recommendations to the different consultants' organizations about what action should be taken.

Dr Clifford Astley, chairman of the Central Committee of the Hospital Medical Services, representing consultants under the BMA, said he had called an emergency meeting of the committee for Saturday "in anticipation of having to make a decision on whether to recommend industrial action."

The BMA has been drawing up plans for possible sanctions in the event of a confrontation with the Government, and it is setting up employment agencies through which doctors, if they resigned from the health service, could hire themselves out to NHS hospitals on a freelance basis.

Mrs Castle's announcement on pay beds was attacked as wrong-headed and ham-fisted yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the shadow Secretary of State.

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QC says undertaker paid coroner's officer for work

A coroner's officer demanded money from an undertaker in exchange for putting more work in his way. It was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that the officer received £3 for a funeral and £1 for the removal of a body to a mortuary, it was stated.

In one year he corruptly obtained £467 from the undertaker, Sir Michael Havers, QC, said in a prosecution speech. He also obtained money from pathologists, and tried to stop undertakers getting work if they did not pay him.

Leonard Eric Gray, aged 59, of Avenue Road, Hove, Surrey, pleaded not guilty to two charges of attempted corruption and six charges of corruption in relation to funerals or coroners' removals of bodies, and post-mortem examinations between 1966 and 1973.

Sir Michael said that Mr Gray, a former Surrey police sergeant, was appointed coroner's officer for the Reigate and Oxted divi-

sions of Surrey in October, 1966. The case for the Crown was that Mr Gray took advantage of his position of being able to influence the choice of undertakers by putting most of his work in the hands of Mr Ronald Stone-

man, a Reigate undertaker.

Mr Stoneham was willing to pay what Mr Gray asked for, which was £1 for each removal of a body and £3 for each funeral, Sir Michael said. "You will hear that where a man did not pay a gratuity, Mr Gray did everything he could to try to stop that man getting any work at all," counsel added.

Sometimes Mr Gray would delay issuing a death certificate so that he could get the undertaker of his preference to carry out funeral arrangements. Investigations started because there was a complaint by one undertaker who "took the view that he wasn't getting his fair share of the coroner's work."

The trial continues today.

Christian sect under scrutiny

The Charity Commissioners have appointed Mr Hugh Francis, QC, to conduct an inquiry into the religious charities of the Exclusive Brethren, a Christian sect with communities throughout the world.

The inquiry will consider whether any of the doctrines and practices affect the charitable status of any of Exclusive Brethren's institutions.

Three hurt in raid

A gang wearing masks attacked three people in a house in Alexandra Road, Southend-on-Sea, yesterday, and stole cash and jewelry worth more than £4,000. The victims were treated in hospital.

£620 fines on hotel

A Llandudno hotel was found by public health officials to be in a filthy condition, the town's magistrates were told yesterday. Fines totalling £620, with £30 costs, were imposed on North Western Hotel (Llandudno) Ltd, which is now for sale. The company pleaded guilty to 48 summonses

Ruling reserved in appeal on fees for flats

The House of Lords yesterday reserved judgment in an appeal by a woman against her conviction on charges under the Accommodation Agencies Act, 1953.

Mrs Frances Maynard Soper, who runs Wilsons Accommodation Bureau, of Southend, Essex, contended that she did not break the law when she demanded and accepted a £7 fee, and later demanded a £16 fee, for accommodation found for Miss Christine Nichols at two addresses in Southend.

Mrs Soper, of Brighton Avenue, Southend, was fined £10 by Southend magistrates on August 14, 1973, on each of two charges under the Accommodation Agencies Act, 1953, which prohibits the demanding of fees for supplying accommodation addresses. The convictions were upheld by the High Court.

Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, for Mrs Soper, said the sums of money were not paid or demanded "in consideration of supplying addresses of houses to let."

Court told of 'widespread illegal immigration'

Det Sergeant Terry Healing, of the immigration squad at Scotland Yard, said at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday that he thought the illegal entry of immigrants was "far more widespread than the press would have us believe". The means of entry, he said, was by boat, car and through airports.

"You make it sound like a minor invasion," Judge Edle said. Sergeant Healing continued: "We only catch the unlucky ones; the organization still thrives."

He said the police knew of a man heading one organization

who had an address in B. but travelled frequently. Europe. "When we are close to him he goes to and just stays there," he said.

Described by Mr Roy An for the prosecution, as a co-ordinator who travelled to Europe to organize to meet illegal immigrants, a 37-year-old, a furnace blowe Kingsley Road, Southall, don, was sent to prison for years. He had pleaded guilty to two charges of conspiring to contravene the Immigrants Act, 1971, by assisting illegal immigrants caught Heathrow.

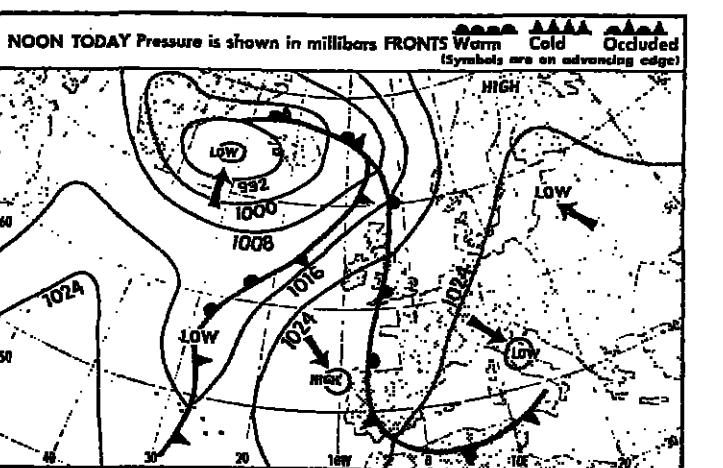
School demonstration

Two hundred teachers and students from other schools went to Latymer School, Southgate, London, yesterday, and demonstrated outside while Mr Martin Webster, National Front school organizer, lectured sixth-formers.

Bomb-hoaxer jailed

Aircraftman Ross Galbraith, aged 18, who was born in Republic of Ireland, was jailed at Chesterfield Magistrates Court, Derbyshire, yesterday making bomb-hoax telephone calls to a policeman at Ru

Weather forecast and recordings



Today
Sun rises: 7.0 am
Sun sets: 4.27 pm
Moon sets: 9.25 pm

Last quarter: November 7.
Lighting up: 4.57 pm to 6.32 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.39 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 5.7 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft). Avonmouth, 10.17 am, 12.0m (39.5ft); 10.47 pm, 11.5m (37.7ft). Dover, 1.49 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 2.15 pm, 6.1m (20.0ft). Hull, 9.15 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 9.2 pm, 6.8m (22.2ft). Liverpool, 2.6 am, 8.1m (26.5ft); 2.25 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

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HOME NEWS

Thirty years' jail for woman in M62 coach bomb trial

After a retirement of five hours and 40 minutes the jury at Wakefield Crown Court yesterday found Judith Ward, aged 25, of Stockport, Greater Manchester, guilty of the 12 murders in the M62 coach explosion and causing three explosions, the one in the coach, one at the National Defence College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire, and one at Euston station, London. All the verdicts were unanimous.

The judge, commending police action, said that the defendant, which was by a majority of ten to two.

Miss Ward was jailed for life on each of the 12 murder charges, the sentences to run concurrently; 20 years for causing the coach bomb explosion; 10 years for the Latimer bombing, to run consecutively; and five years for that at Euston, to run concurrently, making 30 years in all.

Mr Justice Waller said he would make no recommendation of a minimum time Miss Ward should remain in prison because "these offences are so heinous that no figure could be put on that would be appropriate to their gravity."

He added: "You have been found guilty by a majority verdict on the first count [Euston] and by unanimous verdicts on all the remaining counts."

"The first three counts are perhaps the least serious because that involved a comparatively small quantity of explosives. But the second to the fourteenth counts, the M62 explosion and the 12 murders charges arising from it, involved a most terrible state of affairs."

"You have been found guilty of being a party to the placing of a bomb on a coach which you knew very well would contain soldiers returning from leave and might contain their wives,

and I should have thought you probably ought to have known that they were children. Within a very short time of that, though you protested that you 'wanted out', within eight or nine days, you have been found guilty of causing an explosion at Latimer, which, but for the most miraculous chance, might have caused the death of a number of officers there."

The judge, commending police action, said that the defendant, which was by a majority of ten to two.

He also praised the Thames Valley police over the Latimer inquiry for the industry and rapidity with which the case was found. That was where Miss Ward was said to have had breakfast when the bomb had been planted. This was an example of absolutely first-class police work," he added.

Other police officers commended included members of a West Yorkshire police task force who, as part of a security operation, were operating in the protection of this court."

The judge excused the jury further service for life.

Clive Borrell writes: The conviction of Judith Ward at Wakefield Crown Court yesterday for her part in the M62 coach bomb explosion, in which 12 people were killed, is likely to lead to a change of tactics by Provisional IRA terrorist squads operating in England.

Their dependence on women to lead groups of men on bomb-



Judith Ward and the wreckage of the army coach after the bomb explosion on the M62 in Yorkshire last February.

ing attacks has not been a successful strategy and it may be that the Provisional IRA Army Council will now order its women officers to play a less dominant role in future attacks.

Such a move can be expected to be resisted by the women's section, which in many ways is more fanatical than the men's. In fact, it was this unwavering dedication to their cause that made them ideal commanders.

Many of the young volunteers smuggled into Britain by the Provisionals proved irresponsible and tended to panic under pressure. Some, in the eyes of the men, were cowards. Others took to drink and often drew attention to themselves at the very time when it was essential that the police should not be interested in them or their movements.

The Price sisters, Marion and Dolours, were among the "petticoat" commanders with

nearly a dozen men under their control.

In every detail the sisters fulfilled their orders and in two bomb attacks at Westminster and outside the Central Criminal Court inflicted injuries on more than 230 people. Careless mistakes by two or three young men in the group, however, led to their arrest later the same day at Heathrow airport, London.

Since then women have featured in practically every serious bomb attack in England. Special Branch detectives and men in several provincial forces have a long list of women, in some cases pictures and descriptions of them, who they are convinced have been prominently involved in explosions.

Many composite pictures drawn by police experts based on eyewitness descriptions have striking resemblances, but always the hair-style is different.

The investigation into the Guildford attacks is a textbook example of painstaking police work. In the few hours that both public houses were open before the explosions the police have traced more than 400 customers. Each one has been photographed and the police have now been able to pinpoint exactly where each one stood, or sat, during their visit.

The process of elimination alone has taken a month, and would have taken many weeks longer had they not used Polaroid cameras to take "instant" pictures to jog the memories of the survivors. More than three thousand statements have also been taken.

Det Chief Supt Walter Simmons, head of Surrey CID, told me: "We believe this is the first time this camera technique has been used in a murder inquiry. It has proved invaluable and time-saving. There are just

two people, a man and a woman, missing from our records and we are sure they were the ones who planted the bombs."

The woman wanted for interview bears a striking resemblance to an IRA woman officer known to be a close associate of Judith Ward.

Miss Ward, aged 25, a former member of the Women's Royal Army Corps (two of the victims at Guildford) had often boasted to her friends that she had helped to "blow places up" in Ireland. Her husband, Michael McVerry, aged 23, was killed a year ago in an exchange of gunfire with security forces during an attack on a police post in Keedy, Co. Armagh. The couple had known each other less than a year and she knew he was "on the run" after escaping from the Curragh prison in Kildare.

When questioned during her

trial about the death of her husband, Miss Ward demonstrated the qualities required by the Provisional IRA in their leaders. "If he was shooting at soldiers he was asking for it. He got as good as he gave. I am not bitter against the soldiers," she told the jury.

Miss Ward was an IRA intelligence officer, trained in the use and manufacture of bombs. She was born in Stockport but was "fired by a little Irish blood" into becoming a fanatic almost overnight. Mr John Cobb, QC, for the Crown described her as "Cold, ruthless, lacking in human emotion, with a passion only for her political aim of 32 counties combined in one Irish republic."

£10,000 memorial: A £10,000 monument has been built at Killybegs, Northern Ireland, in memory of Michael McVerry, the Provisional IRA man whom Judith Ward said she married.

Selection in Birmingham schools to go within year

From Arthur Osman

Birmingham will have a fully comprehensive system of education by next September after the approval yesterday by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, of the last phase for grouping the city's secondary schools into "consortia" for sharing resources.

After 11 years of uncertainty and argument the city's last 37 secondary schools will be included in the "consortia" to abolish selective entry. Under the Birmingham system secondary schools group together to share resources and teachers. Each consortium has about 10,000 children, many of whom will be able to travel to other schools within the group for specialized courses after their third year.

A letter to Birmingham council published yesterday, the Department of Education and Science stated that: Mr Prentice noted that the consortium arrangement had already been applied, as to its earlier planning stages, in respect of the county schools throughout the city. He was heartened by reports of the enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation which the head teachers and heads of departments of the schools concerned had displayed.

Mr Prentice believed that without the consortium arrangement Birmingham had singular difficulties in regard to secondary school reorganization, would not find it possible to move to a comprehensive pattern in the foreseeable future.

Miss Sheila Wright, the chairman of the Labour council's education committee, said yesterday: "We shall no longer have a system that will attempt to divide our children into sheep and goats at the age of 11."

She said the city hoped to reach agreement with the King Edward foundation grammar schools which had refused to join in the scheme. "If we are unable to come to any sort of agreement, obviously the local authority will consider what action it can take. Among others, there is always the possibility of ceasing to maintain them."

Help for alcoholics

A £30,000 rehabilitation centre for alcoholics is to be set up in Canterbury by the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Cabinet responsibility 'should be tied to Labour policy'

By George Clark

Political Correspondent
The principle of collective Cabinet responsibility, which has been invoked by Mr Wilson in rebuking three ministers for supporting a resolution by the party's national executive committee, deploring the joint British-South African naval exercises, should not apply if the cabinet is to remain a reality, according to a Labour Party conference policy decision.

That view on the present controversy within the Labour Party was put forward last night by Mr Frank Allam, MP for Salford East, a left-wing member of the executive who was a joint author of a pamph-

let produced a few years ago entitled *Labour-Party or Puppet?* arguing for greater democracy within the party. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy in Conway Hall, London, Mr Allam said there was great concern within the Labour and trade union movement about the present support for the joint British-South African naval exercises sent by the Prime Minister to three ministers who are members of the executive.

"I hope that at the party's annual conference this month the delegates will reaffirm the constitutional position that all elected members of the NEC

are individually and collectively responsible solely to the party conference for their behaviour on the NEC," Mr Allam said. "You will note that I say 'elected members', since the leader and deputy leader of the party are not elected by conference."

Mr Allam emphasized that the delegates conference was the supreme policy-making body of the movement. "The NEC are custodians of that policy," he said. "This time it is proposed to be hoped that the Cabinet will respect their views. In that way, they will avoid some of the mistakes made in 1956 and will win the enthusiasm of the members who

do the unpaid, unglamorous work of the movement, and gladly, provided they know they have an effective say in policy."

It would doubtless be argued, he said, that ministers sitting on the executive were bound by collective Cabinet responsibility. "I would reply in four ways," Mr Allam said. "First, this should not apply where there is a flat contradiction to *Labour's Programme*, 1973 which was carried by the floor and the platform at conference without dissent—and there certainly was a contradiction in the recent joint naval exercises with South Africa."

"Secondly, this Cabinet responsibility doctrine was always a bit fuzzy round the edges. Thirdly, there are many precedents for breaking it. For example, I saw a NEC member myself, a very leading member of the Cabinet opposing, in Place of Strife inside the NEC. Fourthly, despite the leaks, to put a view or to vote at the NEC is a very different matter to addressing a public meeting."

A further step towards greater democracy in the party, Mr Allam suggested, would be to require each year in the executive's report to conference a statement on the action it had taken on resolutions carried at the previous party conference.

Proposal to impose school exam fees condemned

By a Staff Reporter

Teachers' unions yesterday condemned a proposal by Somerset education authority to charge pupils examination entrance fees if they take more than seven CSE or GCE O level subjects.

The authority estimates that the measure will save about £2,000. It will come into operation next September. A spokesman for the National Union of Teachers said: "This is quite clearly another case of the continuing erosion of educational provisions and runs contrary to the concept of free education. We do not believe that the cost of entry to an examination should be borne by parents."

The Assistant Masters' Association, which has 40,000 members, also criticized the proposal. Mr Peter Smith, an

AMA assistant secretary, said: "The amount of money being saved by this particular measure is so tiny it is hard to justify, particularly in that it is to some extent introducing an element of means testing."

Mr G. W. Marwick, the county's deputy chief education officer, said that Somerset had lost £10m because of changes in the rate-support grant and said that a charge on additional examination subjects seemed better than economies in other sectors of education.

He said that headmasters could make representations about special cases to ensure that deprived children did not suffer. The Department of Education and Science said it was normal practice for the authority to pay the fees, which are about £1.30 to £1.50 a subject.

Hunt for missing menagerie ends in a breaker's yard

From Our Correspondent

Cambridge
Police forces scouring the Home Counties for a missing circus, which included two elephants and a troop of liberty horses, yesterday reported that it had gone to ground in a Cambridge breaker's yard.

The menagerie had been reported missing on Sunday, after it set out from Shepherds Bush, London, to join the rest of the circus in Oxford. The show was to have started last night.

Thames Valley police were asked to find a ringmaster, a trapeze act, a pair of camels, the elephants, some llamas, the liberty horses, six Shetland

ponies and a Highland cow. After the police in Cambridge had found the missing circus at Chesterton, it transpired that the disappearance had been planned by one of the family, Mr Russell Hoffman.

Mr Gordon Cave, who owns the Chesterton yard, said a family dispute is being sorted out. Mr Hoffman is making certain legal arrangements and does not wish to discuss the affair.

At Oxford, Mr Peter Hoffman, the circus transport manager, said: "It's not been my week. I wasn't there to supervise things when the circus moved off from London because I'd been kicked in the eye badly by our unruly mule."

'Stagnation' for Lancashire if plan is accepted

From Our Correspondent

Preston
Lancashire would face 10 years of stagnation if a "planners' dream" was accepted by the Government, Councillor Leonard Broughton, chairman of Lancashire County Council, said yesterday.

About £22m of public money already invested in an effort to create a prosperous Lancashire would also have been wasted, Mr Broughton told a news conference called by the council to air its views on the Strategic Plan for the North-west.

The master plan, drawn up by an independent team of planners for the development of the region, has alarmed council officials because it advocates the implementation of a plan which would see the densely populated Mersey belt between Manchester and Liverpool at the expense of the rest of the county.

The council says that that would be disastrous. Its big hope for the future is central Lancashire new town, which would bring more industry to the whole region.

Mr Broughton said: "It would be an act of stupidity at this late stage to delay or prevent the implementation of the plan which have taken some 10 years to draw up."

If the Government accepted the strategic plan, it would be several years before additional development could be undertaken in the Mersey belt.

The council is to ask the county's MPs to oppose the plan. County officials are preparing their own strategic plans, which they hope will be completed by 1976.

Asian graduates in UK 'living in dream world'

By Our Home Affairs

Correspondent

Asian graduates in white collar jobs whose expectations of life in Britain have not been fulfilled are apparently still making no immediate plans to return home.

Few graduates of Asian universities interviewed in a survey were certain that within two years they would be leaving. They are sustaining a dream world, a booklet by two researchers says.

Mr Manab Thakur, research officer at the Institute of Personnel Management, and Dr Roger Williams, lecturer in occupational psychology at Birkbeck College, London University, say that many graduates maintain a show of success for their families in Asia, writing regularly of their work and study life, and sending money

even if they could hardly make ends meet here.

If they were to return home there would be a strong danger that the facade which they had set up would be penetrated.

Some of the graduates interviewed should not have come to the United Kingdom in the first place. Some, probably mainly executives, had adjusted relatively well and successfully. Surely instead of implementing bureaucratic legislation against such difficult-to-define concepts as "racial discrimination", what we ought to concentrate our efforts upon is learning how and why such groups can successfully adjust, so that we can perhaps help their less fortunate colleagues to adjust," the researchers say. *Great Expectations*, by Manab Thakur and Roger Williams (Nabopolay, Calcutta. Available from Mr Thakur at 28 Woodbury Street, SW17, 20p).

Company cleared of exporting to Rhodesia

From a Staff Reporter

Birmingham

A Somerset company and its sales director were found not guilty at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday, of illegally exporting goods to Rhodesia. C. H. Here and Sons which moved from Birmingham to Weston-super-Mare 13 years ago, and Mr Jeffrey Hare, the sales director, had denied six charges, including five of knowingly being concerned in exporting goods to Rhodesia with intent to evade the prohibitions in the Export of Goods Control Order, 1970. The company makes components

for loose-leaf files and ledgers. Judge Ross, QC, ordered that the defence costs should be paid out of public funds. Earlier in the trial he had directed the jury to return verdicts of not guilty on 12 similar charges brought under the Exchange Control Act, 1947, and the Southern Rhodesia (United Nations Sanctions) Order of 1968.

The company and Mr Hare had said that the goods were sent to a customer, Browne Wholesale Ltd in Johannesburg. They had not been destined for Rhodesia and the company had no reason to suspect that they were being sent there.

Prison unit violates rights, say reformers

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent

The use of the special control unit in Wakefield prison, which excludes prisoners from association with other prisoners, men who disrupt prison life, almost certainly contravenes the European Convention on Human Rights. That is stated in a letter to the Home Secretary from a group of organizations concerned with penal reform.

The letter has been written after a meeting called at the initiative of the National Council for Civil Liberties and attended by representatives of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, the Howard League for Penal Reform, and Radical Alternatives to Prison and other prison reference groups.

The letter, which is to be reported in the first issue of a new national newspaper for prisoners, *Frontsheet*, calls on Mr Jenkins to end the special unit innovation.

"The treatment provided for by the control unit regime—extended isolation and the fear that a fixed term will become endless—is, we believe, so dangerous to physical and mental health that it should never have been contemplated by the Home Office or your predecessor."

The letter adds: "The control unit, in our view, illustrates some of the worst features of the existing situation: the long periods of solitary confinement to which prisoners may be subjected on the decision of the prison governor; the lack of an independent hearing for all allegations of disciplinary offences; the refusal of legal representation at hearings; the inadequacy of the appeal system, and the refusal to allow prisoners direct access to the legal process."

Frontsheet is being launched next week. Helped by a £10,000 government grant, the new publication is the development nationally of an earlier publication in the West Country.

The Home Office has relaxed the rule that prohibits prisoners from writing for publication, to make *Frontsheet* a special case. The first print is of 25,000 copies, and is intended for a readership of Britain's 36,000 prisoners, magistrates, probation officers, judges, MPs, social workers, and those working for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders and is edited by Mr Philip Young, formerly editor of *Liberal News*.

Talks soon on future of airliner project

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

Tripartite talks between Government, the trade union and Hawker Siddeley on future of the HS146 airliner project are likely to be held in the near future.

Sir Arnold Hall, chairman of the aircraft manufacturers agreed in principle to talks, although there was encouragement from the many last night for the view they might lead to the re-opening of work on the project called because of rising costs.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, made clear the Government disagreed with cancellation decision and like to see work continue. He alleged that HS was in breach of contract in cancelling an obvious reference to the fact that the company and Government entered into a development for the 14 August last year as partners.

The company argues it notified the Government in July that cancellation showed "costs were running away with an annual inflation rate of 20 per cent, but no reply came from Whitehall last month."

It was originally agreed that the company and Government would share the costs of a 146, to 100-seat machine, feeder-liner market. It was powered by four jet engines from the American Lycoming company, while the wings to be made by the French company manufacturing group spatiale.

But with inflation, H. Siddeley estimated the share, taking into account production costs, which was responsibility, would put £10m at risk at one time endangering a whole future. It therefore intended to the Government mutual termination.

Mr Benn told the House one reason why he had not been able to agree with what the company said was "that arguments were not 'evenly matched'."

"We are anxious to look with others concerned. Inflation creates problems for the industry. On the other hand, it is not confined to the B industry, and not confined to this country alone."

"It would be dangerous anyone in this country assume that the present of world inflation made it safe for us to automatically destroy projects upon which long-term health of industry depends."

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Mr Crossman literary estate is put at £791

Literary property left by Richard Crossman, the Labour Cabinet minister and journalist, is shown as £791 of his will published yesterday.

Solicitors handling the estate say that the final figure is very much more when controversial Crossman diaries are published, probably in spring.

Mr Martin Paisner, of Pa and Co, solicitors, said: "It is only an initial estimate of the full proceeds from diaries will probably be a lot."

The literary estate of £791 represents the current value of his literary rights and future royalties. Duty pay is £54.

The proceeds of his life estate have been left to his wife, Anne, and the rest of his property to his children, Patrick and Virginia.

The rest of his estate is to be handled separately. Other wills, page

'Life' for attack on sister-in-law

Sentence of life imprisonment was passed by Mr Jus Maccarta at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday on C Watson, aged 22, of Seaton, who was charged with killing Mrs Maureen Wilson, aged 20, his sister-in-law, in a sexual attack of animal ferocity. Mr Watson, unemployed motor mechanic of East Seaton, pleaded not guilty to murder. He was charged with a charge of manslaughter the grounds of diminished responsibility was accepted.

Most people favour higher rates to help the disabled

By Pat Healy

Social Services Correspondent

More than two-thirds of the British public would be prepared to pay higher rates to finance more help for disabled and sick people, according to a Louis Harris opinion poll. More than 80 per cent want disabled people to receive equal benefits, irrespective of whether they were handicapped at birth, in war, at work or by accident or illness.

The results are the first indication that public opinion is ahead of national and local government policies in support for disabled people. The poll, conducted on behalf of Action Research for the Crippled Child, questioned 1,073 voters forming a representative quota sample. There was no fundamental difference in the replies according to political party support.

The questions on both rates and benefits are significant at a time when the Government is urging local authorities to

implement the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, and proposing to introduce new social security for some disabled people.

Directors of social services have told Mr Alfred Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled, that they see little point in identifying more disabled people when they cannot satisfy the demand the Act has already created. But some of those directors work for local authorities who have already decided not to increase their rates next year.

The poll results indicate, on this topic at least, that ratepayers would be happy to pay more. The questionnaire said that if local services for sick and disabled people were to be improved it would mean an increase in rates, and asked if people would accept the increase.

Sixty eight per cent said yes, and only 22 per cent refused. Acceptance of the increase was highest among men and young-

er age groups, but it totalled at least 60 per cent in all age groups, social classes and regions.

The lowest support among the main political parties included nationalists, was from Conservative voters, 68 per cent of whom were willing to pay higher rates to improve help for the disabled.

Help for disabled and sick people is not a party political issue, the results showed. A total of 69 per cent felt that all parties were equally concerned with the difficulties of the disabled, and similar figures were produced when the results were broken down by voting intentions.

The questions on benefits for the disabled indicate that the way social policy has developed is not popular with most voters. War pensioners and industrially injured pensioners receive generous state support. Adults who become disabled receive some help through the

National Insurance scheme but those benefits are considerably less than for war and industrial injury. The congenitally disabled, the major part of the group, receive no state help at all unless they are so severely disabled that they qualify for the attendance allowance.

The poll asked which group should get more benefits: those disabled in the Armed Forces, at work, born disabled or disabled by disease or accident. Eighty-two per cent wanted them all to be treated equally and only 6 per cent for each favoured more generous treatment of war or congenitally handicapped people.

The poll results will be welcomed by the organizations and experts who have formed the Disability Alliance, a new group fighting for better social security cover for disabled people. The alliance will be officially launched on Wednesday and is to present a letter to the Prime Minister the same day.

Tories abandon proposal to challenge poll

Conservative electors in Dunbartonshire, East, yesterday abandoned plans to challenge the election of the Scottish National Party MP, Mrs Margaret Bain, unseated the former Conservative MP, Mr Barry Henderson by 20 votes.

On Saturday, Mr Donald Masterton, chairman of Cumberland Conservative and Unionist Association, announced that an unnamed elector hoped to lodge a petition with the Court of Session in Edinburgh challenging the result. The deadline for lodging the petition was yesterday. The law requires that £1,000 should be lodged with the court. Yesterday Mr Masterton said: "After further meetings, during which more detailed legal advice was available, it was recommended that we do not proceed." He added that they were "quite a way short" of raising the £1,000.

Belated opposition to holiday homes

From Trevor Fishlock

Cardiff

The people of Aberdovey, in the Snowdonia National Park, want the Secretary of State for Wales to stop a large housing development now under way in the village. If completed, it will double the size of Aberdovey. Most of the inhabitants say it will destroy the character of the district.

The people were not consulted about the development, and most of them were unaware of its size and potential threat until work began. The development involves the building of more than 400 holiday and retirement homes on more than 20 acres of hillside overlooking the sea.

Mr John Madin, a Birmingham architect, who is the developer, received planning permission from the former Merioneth County Council eight

years ago. About 20 buildings have been started.

The villagers did not appreciate the true nature of the scheme until three months ago, when planners from the new Gwynedd County Council arrived to discuss the county development plan with them. The villagers then set up an action committee to try to retrieve the situation.

Aberdovey is a fishing and holiday village, a crescent of Victorian and Edwardian buildings on the estuary of the river Dovey, looking over the Irish Sea. There is no industry in the area. During the summer the roads, car parks, shops and other facilities are used heavily. Opponents of the development say the demands that would be made by the occupants of 400

new houses could not be met. They are also worried about sewage disposal.

A condition of the planning permission was that the developer should provide adequate sewage disposal. An official of the national planning department said that the developer could not be justified in doubling the size of Aberdovey was wrong on many grounds.

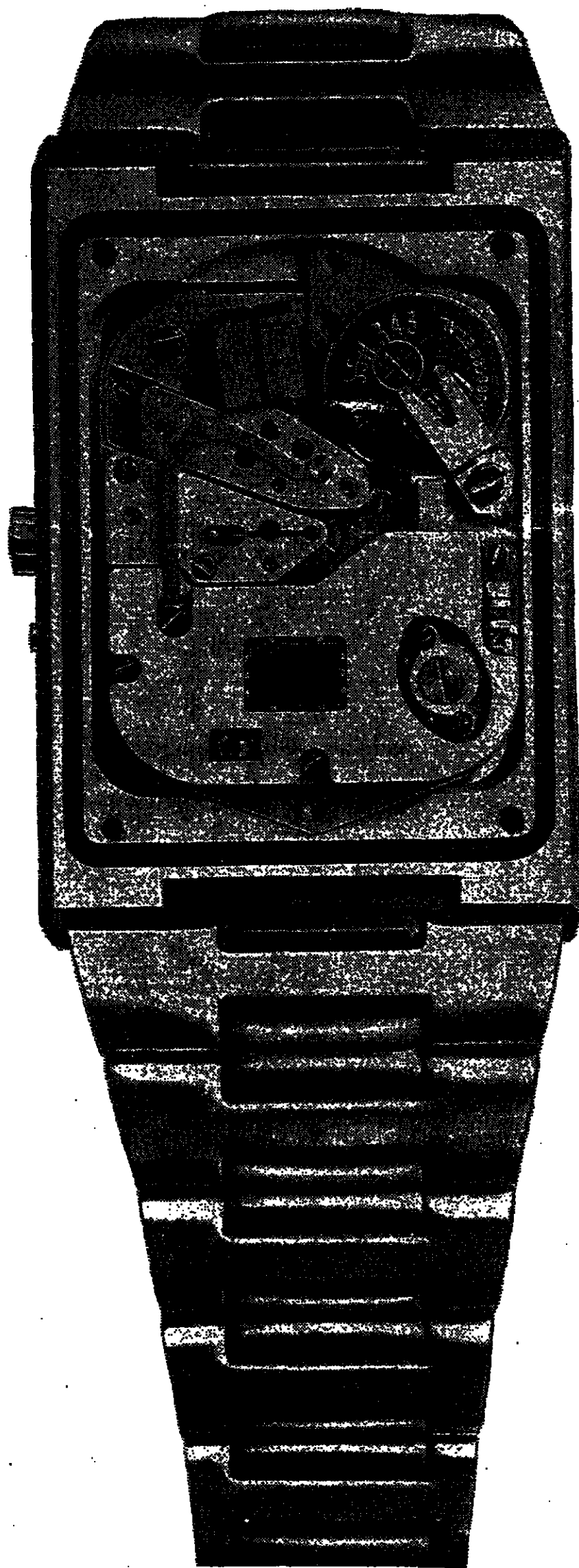
"I think people knew the scheme was going to be built on the hillside, but it came as a surprise when they realized the scope of it all. When planning applications were going through, public participation in planning was not as fashionable as it is now," he said. On Friday the Aberdovey action group and Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, Plaid Cymru MP for Merioneth, will present a petition to Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, a petition signed by more than 800 people, calling for the planning permission to be revoked and a public inquiry set up.

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and EEC agree on need to encourage developing nations to produce more food

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world must be encouraged to increase its food production to avert future shortages, the United States and the European Community agreed today.

At a meeting in Rome, Mr. Butz, the American Secretary of Agriculture, told a press conference in Brussels.

Mr. Lardinois, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, said: "The world must concentrate more on agricultural development in the Third World than in food aid."

He said that the United States had a very good record over the last 37 years in its aid to agricultural development compared with an average of 5 per cent for the rest of the world.

reference, which opens in Rome tomorrow. In what Mr. Butz described as "frank, cordial and completely candid" talks, the two men discussed world food supplies and steps to overcome any shortages next year.

Commenting on the possibility of establishing a world food reserve, one of the topics which will be discussed in Rome, Mr. Butz said: "You can't put something into a reserve that you don't have. The answer to world food shortages is increased farm production."

"Governments and world food conferences don't produce food, farmers do. We must see that farmers worldwide have adequate incentives to increase their output. Increased ability to produce food and the incentive to do it both in developed and less developed countries constitute the only meaningful food reserve that we can have."

The United States and the European Community had the technical capability and the technical knowledge to help the developing world produce

more food, he added. But the problem of world food supplies must be shared by more nations, including the Soviet Union and the Arab oil-producing countries.

He promised that American farmers would be going all out to produce record crops next year. Provided the weather was good, American farmers would be able to supply the world and Europe with feed grains next year.

In the more immediate future, he reaffirmed Washington's determination not to impose export controls on cereals. The United States has a strong interest in European grain markets and can be counted on as a dependable supplier of grain for European consumers", he said.

But he warned beef exporters, particularly the Australians, that the United States might have to introduce import restrictions next year. Japan and Europe had already blocked imports and this could mean an increase of exports into the United States from Australia next spring.



Police search a car on the road from Rome to the Leonardo da Vinci airport yesterday after telephone warnings of an impending attack on the airport.

President's pledge to Italians

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Nov 4.

As fears of a coup continued to be fanned in Italy, President Leone today assured the country of the armed forces "absolute loyalty to the constitution and to democratic ideals".

His message, on the occasion of the annual Armed Forces Day, was published in newspapers next to disclosures that fascists had still been plotting a violent coup as recently as last month.

Armed Forces Day has taken on a special significance in view of the arrest on Friday of General Vito Miceli, the former head of the secret service, for plotting a coup. This came after arrests of a number of other officers accused of conspiracy.

Political parties, including the Communists, and newspapers have expressed their faith in the loyalty of the armed forces and the need for greater solidarity between the military and the general public.

President Leone said in his message that "recent episodes... which should not be generalized or distorted—do not besmirch the honour of the armed forces".

The main celebration at Redipuglia, near Trieste, today was interrupted by a few shouts from among the crowd in praise of General Miceli. Neo-fascist youths distributed pamphlets expressing solidarity with the general and the armed forces. They were detained for questioning and then released.

Newspapers today said that a plan by the Rome magistrates and the secret service to catch the leaders of the most recent known plot had failed because of lack of coordination among the judiciary.

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Gibraltar seeks more aid from Britain

By A. M. Rendel

Talks on British aid to Gibraltar began at the Ministry of Overseas Development yesterday. A strong team from the Gibraltar Government arrived in London over the weekend, led by Sir Joshua Hassan, the Chief Minister. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, the Governor of Gibraltar, is taking part.

Yesterday Sir Joshua Hassan met with Mrs Judith Hart, Minister of Overseas Development, after which they had a private talk.

The background to these discussions is that Gibraltar has been receiving an annual average of £2m capital aid from Britain to enable it to face the serious restrictions placed upon development of the Rock by the closing of the frontier with Spain. In March 1973 the Conservative Government pledged a continuation of aid after the current agreement expires in March 1975.

Sir Joshua has now asked for a further agreement of rather more than £12m to be spread over a minimum of three years, which could mean an average of £4m a year, twice the former rate.

Speaking to The Times yesterday.

day, Sir Joshua claimed that the increase was justified by the current steep rise in costs. He said that the aid would be spent in particular on housing and education and vocational training facilities, including a comprehensive girls' school to match the existing comprehensive school for boys, and on sports and other social services, in particular for the benefit of youth groups.

Improved amenities for tourists are also proposed.

There is some risk that, without improvement in housing and education, young Gibraltarians will emigrate rather than face a possibly uncertain future within the two-and-a-half square miles of the Rock. The British pledge to support Gibraltar against the handicaps placed upon it by Spain could then ultimately fail in its purpose.

The talks will last a week. In view of the present difficult economic situation, British representatives say that the programme of development, which has been prepared for Gibraltar by Professor G. Clayton of Sheffield University, will naturally have to be scrutinized in close detail, but there seems no doubt that substantial aid to the 23,000 people now living on the Rock will be maintained.

Communist role in French strikes under fire

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 4.

The Communist Party and the communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT) are trying to make political capital from the wave of strikes afflicting France. M. Xavier Beauchamps, President of the CGT's press spokesman, said in Paris today.

The President discussed the continuing postal workers' strike, tomorrow's stoppages in the nationalized gas and electricity industries, and the beginning of regionally staggered strikes on the French railways with M. Chirac, the Prime Minister, at the Elysee today.

M. Beauchamps said the President regarded the strikes as the expression of a "difficult economic phase" facing France. A phase which would require treatment adapted to each strike as it arose.

Earlier M. Gabriel Peronnet, secretary of State for the Civil Service, and M. Henri Krasucki, one of the CGT's national secretaries, had clashed publicly over whether politics or labour disputes lay behind the strike. M. Peronnet had emphasized the Government's willingness to try to meet the workers' demands;

the CGT spokesman said the Government's terms for settling the postal strike, which now goes into the third week, were inadequate.

The two sides resumed negotiations today, but the percentage of post office staff absent from work rose and the unions claimed that they were under pressure from their rank and file to stand firm.

The Government's accusation of political interference was supported today by the moderate Force Ouvrière movement. On the state railways it advised its members not to join tomorrow's protest, arguing that the 4 per cent increase ordered by the Government from November 1, making 15 per cent for the year, was acceptable.

But the most resolute strike action today came from a section of the middle class. 15,000 proprietors of firms retailing domestic fuel or oil for industry. They began a campaign, which they plan to extend across the country if the Government does not agree swiftly to negotiations, to block oil refineries.

They are protesting against the Government saddling them with a 10 per cent fuel rationing scheme.

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Bangladesh fears outburst of Malthusian prophecy

Michael Hornsby

Nov 4.

A few of the countries joining the World Food Conference, which opens in Rome tomorrow, is the problem of an ever expanding population as acute as in Bangladesh. Hundreds of thousands are dying here every year from famine and related diseases.

A few countries does the world's population so. It is arguable that the situation envisaged by Malthus, runaway population, is held in check only by famine, disease and war, has already come to pass in Bangladesh where 75 million inhabitants would increase on present trends to between 160 million and 170 million by the year 2000.

A population of this order would mean that Bangladesh's 55,000 square miles would be equivalent in terms of density to 600 million living in France. It is, with more than 1,300 people on average to every square mile, Bangladesh is already the world's most densely populated country. It is difficult to see how an agrarian country, in which agriculture is the livelihood of 75 per cent of the labour force, could sustain density of this order.

The average size of landholdings is already very small, and the number of landless peasants, who are dependent on the land for their livelihood, is steadily growing. Although rice production has almost doubled over the last 20 years, keeping somewhat ahead of population growth, output has hardly increased since then, while population has continued its upward progress. Even before the slowdown in output some 45 per cent of rural families and 75 per cent of urban families were getting below the minimum acceptable daily intake and about two-thirds of families were deficient in proteins and vitamins. Since rice has steadily declined.

The consequence of these inadequate nutrition levels is a drastic lowering of the physical and mental efficiency, resistance to disease and work capacity of perhaps half the adult population.

Foreign agriculturalists believe that rice production could be substantially increased by better application of fertilizers, pesticides and high yielding varieties of seeds, particularly in the non-irrigated, rain-fed areas, to the point of eliminating the need for imports. But this would require heavy foreign assistance, both of capital and personnel.

The implications are thus clear. Bangladesh must either achieve an unprecedented reduction in birth rates through family planning, or continue to import food at heavy cost, or accept a marked rise in mortality.

Call to build up world stocks of food

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enjoy the greatest capacity to meet the bill.

"If the financing is combined with some restraint on affluent consumption—of food, of fertilizer—further inflationary pressures can be avoided. The high protein diets and the scale of non-agricultural use of fertilizer among the wealthy suggest the practicability of some strategy of restraint."

"We believe that the fundamental test of the seriousness with which governments and peoples confront the risk of spreading famine is whether a firm commitment to provide the necessary finance and secure the needed supplies is made before the end of the food conference."

The document goes on to deal with longer term action. "The existence of large-scale food stocks and of cropland withdrawn from cultivation in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s acted as a buffer against violent fluctuations in price in the wake of uncertain weather or other emergencies. The inflationary consequences of their disappearance in the last two years suggests the common interest in building them up again."

"We support the policy of restoring grain stocks to the necessary level, of financing them internationally, placing them under international supervision and reaching an agreed policy on floor and ceiling prices."

"We also support the strategy of setting aside a 10 million ton grain reserve, for use in emergencies, to provide concessional aid and to underpin a direct attack upon diseases and disabilities due to malnutrition."

"We do not believe that the present crisis of food and fertilizer shortage and inflationary pressure can be quickly offset by the efforts of the poorest countries themselves, least of all under the continuing constraints of rapid population growth."

"We therefore endorse the proposal put forward by the World Food Conference Secre-

taries that a special investment effort in agriculture to the order of \$18,000m to \$20,000m a year be undertaken, with a \$5,000m input of external resources—a figure four times higher than today's aid to the farm sector."

"Our only doubt is whether this figure may not prove inadequate. No doubt, a careful use of some of this capital, as the official strategy suggests, for instance, to rehabilitate irrigation schemes, or increase the efficiency of existing fertilizer factories, would secure a maximum return."

"But we recall that even if official development assistance is almost doubled by 1980, the poorest countries, containing at least 20 per cent of all the world's people, and the 'new rich' with an actual decline in their already precarious standards."

"We therefore believe that the sums proposed in investment and aid should be substantially larger."

"We therefore support the proposal for a special agricultural fund. We urge the 'old rich' of the industrialized nations and the 'new rich' among the wealthy members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) to come together with the developing peoples to agree upon accelerating investment programmes in agriculture, bringing together the wealth and managerial skills in the developed lands, the investment funds of the wealthiest oil producers and the needs and agricultural potential of the poorest countries."

"In the long run, the chief hope for a sustained and reliable food supply for the developing peoples is a maximum development of their own capacity to produce food."

"External assistance, channelled through an agricultural fund, can act as a stimulant and catalyst, provided its effect is not offset by falling prices for primary materials and by the continuance of largely unequal and unstable relations for the poorest partners in world trade."

Spanish industrialist resigns

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 4.

Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez today resigned as president of Spain's big state-run industrial cartel, Ini (National Institute for Industry). His resignation came after the apparent shift to the right in the Government's domestic policy last week, when two relatively liberal ministers left the Cabinet.

Formal negotiations opened in Madrid today on the future of United States military bases in Spain. The American team is headed by Mr. Robert McCloskey, Washington's roving ambassador.

Oxford women killed in France

Abbeville, Nov 4.—Three Englishwomen died in a blazing car today after it left the road near Abbeville and crashed into a tree. They were identified as Johanna Moore, of Oxford, her sister Josephine Conder and Jane Rubenson.

Karin Ann Moore, aged 23, also of Oxford, and Joseph and Sacha Conder, aged four and one, were thrown clear of the crash and were taken to an Abbeville hospital. — Agence France-Presse.

Wine dealer's books 'tampered with'

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 4.

A senior inspector of the French anti-fraud squad told the court when the Bordeaux wine scandal trial resumed today that "with the villages practised there, no wine had the right to the label appellation contrôlée coming out of the Cruse cellars."

Ullage is the term in the trade for filling up a cask to make good the wine lost by evaporation and to prevent a layer of air affecting it.

But M. Julien Le Dert, giving evidence of his investigations, said that when he went to inspect the Cruse establishment he noticed "there was only one wine being used for the uillage of all the casks". He asserted that two members of the Cruse family, Alain and Henri Francois, told him they used "an excellent wine from

the Midi" region of southern France for the uillage, in place of identical Bordeaux.

The inspector went on: "When we intended to fill up casks of high quality wine in the appellation contrôlée category property, one does it from another cask of the same wine, sacrificing the contents of one cask for the sake of the rest."

M. Lionel Cruse, president of the distinguished Bordeaux wine establishment which has been in the family for five generations is, with his cousin Ivan, the principal figure among 18 local wine merchants accused of allowing Bordeaux wines to undergo adulteration, forbidden by law.

They are also accused of seeking to hinder fraud squad inspectors from carrying out a series of investigations after they had become suspicious

during the summer of 1973.

M. Ivan Cruse, replying to the inspector's charges, said that one red wine and three white wines were used only for the uillage of other ordinary wines. "Uillage for the appellation contrôlée wines was always performed by us from the same wines", he assured the court.

M. Le Dert also heavily criticized the documents kept by the Cruse establishment. Of one wine analysis book he claimed that it had been "tampered with" overnight while the investigation was going on with the intention of putting us off the trail.

They always produced for us immediately the documents which were completely anonymous, but each time we came to something we thought looked suspicious then they told us it had been lost."

229 cases of typhoid in West Germany

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Nov 4.

Eighteen days after it began, the typhoid outbreak in West Germany reached a total of 229 cases today, 213 of them in the southern state of Baden-Württemberg.

The remaining 16 cases are scattered across seven other states. The authorities believe that in the next few days the incubation period for people who contracted the disease at its source will have expired.

Bonn Minister flies to Saudi Arabia

Frankfurt, Nov 4.—Herr Hans Friedrichs, the West German Finance Minister, left by air today for a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he will have talks with King Faisal.—Agence France Presse.

Dr Schlesinger holds defence talks in Bonn

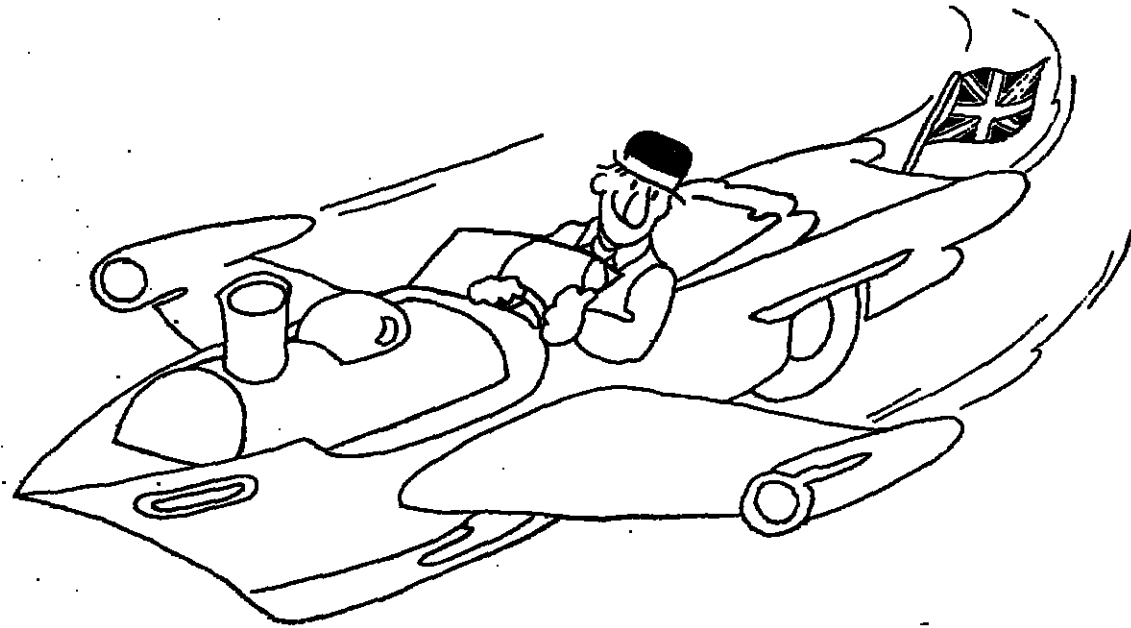
From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Nov 4.

Dr James Schlesinger, the United States Secretary of Defence, called on Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in Bonn today.

The main theme of his two days of talks in Bonn is the United States plan to increase by two brigades the front line strength of its army in southern Germany without raising the overall number of men, totalling about 300,000. A number of non-combatant troops are to be withdrawn.

Dr Schlesinger is also discussing a plan to reduce the number of nuclear explosive devices kept on West German soil from the present 7,000. Another theme is the latest developments in armoured vehicle technology. Dr Schlesinger will watch troops on gunnery exercise tomorrow.

Approaching the continental market?



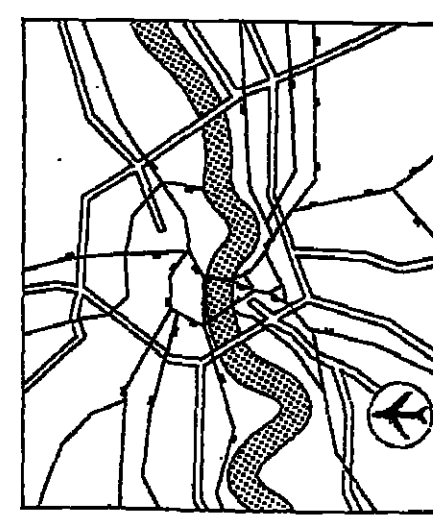
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Missing memorandum produced suddenly at Watergate trial

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Nov 4

The Watergate trial had a moment of drama this morning when the prosecution produced a memorandum from one of the original burglars stating that the White House had made commitments to the burglars for hush money and pardons. The memorandum, which has been missing for two years, was supplied by Mr William Bittman, who was at the time the lawyer for its author, Mr Howard Hunter, one of the burglars.

The burglary was in June, 1972, and the memorandum was dated November 11 and was intended to extort money from the White House.

Mr Hunt wrote that the seven defendants in the Watergate case, including himself, "have all followed instructions meticulously and are maintaining their part in the bargain. The Administration, however, remains deficient. It has not provided the defendants with the support, the legal defence fees, 3, pardons; 4, rehabilitation."

"Half measures will be unacceptable," he wrote. "This should not be misinterpreted as a threat but a reminder that loyalty should always be a two-way street."

Mr Hunt described this document as the last of his efforts to get the defendants out of the White House. He said that he had instructed Mr Bittman to give it to Mr Kenneth Parkinson, who is one of the five former aides to President Nixon who are defendants at the present cover-up trial, and who was then counsel for the committee to re-elect the President.

Mr Hunt said that he understood that Mr Bittman had read the memorandum to Mr Parkinson.

Mr Bittman, who is an indicted co-conspirator in the case, had always denied knowing anything about the memorandum until last Saturday, when he delivered it to the prosecutors. Mr Parkinson's lawyer, however, now and devastating piece of evidence against his client produced suddenly, immediately called for a mistrial.

The memorandum gave an account of the Watergate burglary itself, and stated that the burglars carried it out against their better judgment.

"If initial orders to bug Democratic national committee headquarters were ill-advised," he wrote, "the defendants' sponsors compounded the mistake. They did so, Mr Hunt wrote, by permitting the defendants to fall into the hands of a paranoid judge and three self-admitted democratic prosecutors. These were Judge Sirica and the three Watergate prosecutors who conducted the original investigation and trial and who failed to discover Mr Hunt's 'sponsors'."

The Watergate seven, who were still keeping their secrets in November, 1972, "have grown increasingly to feel that they are being offered up as scapegoats, ultimately to be abandoned," Mr Hunt wrote. Big payments in hush-money had already begun and were to continue for some months more, more than \$400,000 in all. Most of it went to Mr Hunt or his lawyers.

Mr Nixon fit enough to walk with nurses' help

Long Beach, California, Nov 4

Former President Nixon was going to walk today in his hospital room for the first time since his operation for phlebitis last Thursday.

Although a bulletin said his condition was still serious, Dr John Longren, Mr Nixon's personal physician, said nurses would help him to take his first steps.

Longren said today that one of the factors that still worried the hospital was that Mr Nixon had a small amount of fluid in his left lung. Blood tests were being carried out to find out why it has failed to coagulate properly.

The daily bulletin said: "Former President Nixon still continues to show gradual improvement. His vital signs are stable."—Reuter.

'Arab terror' banner as Jews protest to UN

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Nov 4

Thousands of American Jews converged on the United Nations today for a mass demonstration to protest against the recent decision by the world body to give representation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to address the General Assembly.

They crammed into the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, filling the square and surrounding streets with their banners: "PLO is a terrorist organization," "PLO is a danger to Israel," and "Has the UN sold out justice for politics?"



Demonstrators protest at a War of Independence monument in Boston over compulsory busing in schools.

Coloured play to be staged in white S African theatre

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, Nov 4

The complexities of South Africa's race relations have received a curious new twist with the announcement that a play by a coloured playwright and featuring coloured characters will be performed at the Nico Malan theatre in Cape Town.

The Nico Malan has become the symbolic citadel of South Africa's racial discrimination. Only whites may use the theatre and the only non-whites allowed inside are the stage hands and cleaners, even though coloured ratepayers contributed to its cost.

The provincial administration has refused adamantly to allow the theatre to be used by non-whites, even on a segregated basis. When Dame Margaret Fonteyn performed there the set was dismantled and reassembled, at vast cost, at another theatre for the performances for non-whites rather than allow them inside.

However, Mr Adam Small, the playwright, and his wife, who are given "honorary white" status for one night to attend the opening performance of his play, *Kan 'Hy Kom Huistoe* ("Can He Come Home") as the guests of the administrator of the Cape Province.

Mr Small, a fiery critic of the apartheid laws, says he is delighted his play is being presented at the Nico Malan. A staunch champion of "black Africans"—the two million people of mixed race classified and ostracized as Coloureds—Mr Small said it would be "an excellent exercise for white actors to play blacks".

"If Coloureds played the parts," Mr Small said, "it would be too easy for white audiences to say 'how interesting' or 'how nice' or 'how indigenous'."

By coincidence, the plan to stage Mr Small's play was announced on the day that South Africa's delegate to the United Nations, the Security Council, that his Government rejects discrimination and that it would do "everything in its power to move away" from race and colour barriers.

Some government opponents have been heartened by the bold reform nature of the speech. The Cape Argus newspaper pointed out that with the Government's anti-discrimination policy so clearly pointed out, the race ban at the Nico Malan theatre could be removed forthwith.

Kenya's restrained welcome for Royal Navy flotilla

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 4

The Kenyan and British Governments are apparently in agreement over playing down the visit of the Royal Navy Flotilla which recently took part in the joint exercises with the South African Navy. Ten of the 11 ships arrived here today.

No official receptions have been planned, and a Kenya Government official said today that there was "nothing special" about the visit.

The flotilla is under the command of Vice-Admiral Leach on board the helicopter cruiser HMS Blake.

As the ships sailed into Mombasa harbour large crowds of British nationals lined the beach waving handkerchiefs. However, courtesy calls on government and Mombasa civic officials were called off.

The flotilla will be in Mombasa for a week, taking on fuel and other supplies before sailing for the Far East.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: Kenya made known to the British Government its disapproval of the joint operations with South Africa, but there has never been any official suggestion that the visit to Mombasa would be cancelled.

The value of Simonstown's facilities to the Royal Navy is being demonstrated by the visit of HMS Llandaff, damaged two weeks ago on the Beira patrol. She will enter the South African port for repairs this week.

Dr Allende's sister held

Santiago, Chile, Nov 4

Senorita Laura Allende, the sister of the late President Salvador Allende, has been arrested and accused of possessing hand grenades and keeping clandestine contacts with left-wing extremists, the military Government announced today.

Commander Enrique Montero, Under-Secretary of the Interior, said that security forces had found at her home on Saturday four hand grenades and a large number of documents linking her with the clandestine Revolutionary Movement of the Left (MIR), the main clandestine resistance movement in Chile.

Senorita Allende, who is 56, had been under house arrest. She is reported to be suffering from cancer.—AP.

Malaysia warning on communist split

From Our Correspondent
Kuala Lumpur, Nov 4

A split in the Malaysian Communist Party (MCP) has been confirmed with the publication this week of a Marxist-Leninist splinter group's manifesto accusing party leaders of crimes ranging from murder to ideological betrayal.

The first hint of the split came yesterday with the inclusion in a rash of communist flags, banners and leaflets in peninsular Malaysia of some issued by the new splinter group.

The split seems to have its roots in the racial riots between Malays and Chinese in 1969, when many communists must have thought Malaysia vulnerable.

The manifesto says the party leadership, which it describes as "the counter-revolutionary revisionist clique", used the riots as an opportunity for "disunions" within the party.

Its aim, according to the manifesto, was to wipe out the communists' army, destroy the party and cause the revolution to fizzle out. Four years of internal "struggle" followed, with the revisionists stubbornly defending their mistakes and "betraying" Mao-Tse-tung's thoughts based on Marxism-Leninism.

So little is known about the MCP's leadership that the significance of the manifesto—this report is based on a cyclostyled version in Indonesian—appears translated from Chinese—is hard to measure.

It is not even certain that Chin Peng, the communist leader during the Malayan emergency, is still head of the MCP, or even if he is still alive. If he has survived, he is now 51, which is old for jungle fighting. An aging leadership would have its own reasons for avoiding a return to battle.

The manifesto does, however, seem to explain the MCP's apparent indecisiveness and peculiar stop-go tactics during the past four years. It has made little impact and is not generally considered a significant force in Malaysian affairs.

The split, presumably, will weaken the party further, but it could lead to hardline leaders taking over who would then try to demonstrate their ideological purity with a return to arms.

The MCP is believed to have about 1,500 or 2,000 men under arms in the Thai border area.

Israel deports West Bank Arab leaders

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Nov 4

The editor of an east Jerusalem newspaper and the deputy mayor of a West Bank town were among four Arabs deported by Israel today. They were taken to the border post of Rosh Hanikra, north of Acre, and made to cross into Lebanon.

All were accused of incitement to terrorism and support of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

In the past most detainees have been expelled to Jordan. Although the men deported today are regarded by Israel as technically Jordanians, it was decided that they should go to Lebanon, the country from which guerrilla activity is operated against Israel.

The decision may be intended to underline Israel's refusal to deal with the PLO, which was made sole representative of the Palestinian people by the Arab summit conference in Rabat last week.

The deported men were Mr Ali Mahmoud Al Khatib, the editor of *A-Shaab* in east Jerusalem; Dr Mustafa Hassan Milhim, a dentist and deputy mayor of Khallul, near Nablus; Mr Isam Badr Farah Haq, of Nablus; and Mr Daoud Arqat, a Jericho farmer.

The statement said they had been the initiators of a petition calling for support of the PLO and members of the Palestinian National Front (PNF) which had "perpetrated acts of murder and terrorism".

The deportations come after press reports from official sources that Israel is revising its West Bank policy in the light of the Rabat summit and the statement by King Hussein of Jordan that he is severing his political links with the PLO.

Mr Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, denounced the action. He asked for a meeting with Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, to discuss the attitude of the east Jerusalem Arab press. He was promised that steps would be taken, according to reports.

Iranian Navy on exercise in the Gulf

From Our Correspondent
Teheran, Nov 4

Watched by the Shah, the Iranian Navy today began its biggest exercises yet in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

The Iranian hovercraft fleet, the biggest of its kind in the world, and the Air Force were deployed in the exercise, which was watched by the Shah and Crown Prince Reza from a destroyer which is itself equipped with sea-to-sea missiles.

The Shah said on Saturday that Iran envisaged for itself a peacekeeping role in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf.

Bihar clash in protest against corruption

Delhi, Nov 4

Riot police, using batons and tear gas, today foiled attempts by thousands of anti-corruption demonstrators to besiege Government offices and the houses of ministers in the Bihar state capital of Patna.

Several people were reported injured and Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, the veteran pacifist leader who had called the protest, said he was among those hit during a police baton charge.

There were rowdy scenes in front of a park in a residential area where Mr Narayan was among the 200 people arrested for defying a ban on gatherings of more than five people. Mr Narayan later joined demonstrators in surrounding the house of the Finance Minister.

The protest, climaxing a seven-month campaign to overthrow the Bihar Government because of high corruption, stopped train services into the city and shut down schools, colleges and shops.

In Delhi, a general strike called by Mr Narayan's followers and supported by several other groups, passed off without much violence and a massive show of force by the Government.

An estimated 25,000 Delhi police, the central reserve police and the para-military border security force were on duty in what was officially described as one of the largest police operations in the capital.

The strike shut down all markets in the city and traffic came to a standstill. Schools and colleges were closed, and mobs of students were reported to have stoned and damaged at least 25 city buses. Three people were injured in a minor clash.

Many shops opened later in the day and Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, went shopping in the centre of the city in a gesture of confidence.—Reuter.

Former officer sues Greek junta leaders

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Nov 4

A cashiered Greek naval officer today sued for reason 19 junta leaders and military commanders, claiming the Greece's failure to help the Cypriots when Turkey invaded, had been due to the poor state in which they had maintained the Greek Navy.

Former Commander Efsthios Petropoulos, after depositing his lawsuit with the Athens prosecutor, said he was suing the former dictators Mr George Papadopoulos and Mr Demetrios Ioannidis, as well as the chiefs of the armed forces and the leadership of the navy.

"They were responsible for the state in which the units of our navy were at the time of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus on July 20," he said. "The whole issue is directly related to the failure of Greece to intervene to confront the Turkish invasion."

Today's lawsuit will set off the eighth inquiry into the misdeeds of the Greek dictatorship. The main investigation, based on high treason charges, was ordered by the Athens Council of Appeal. This followed a lawsuit by Greek lawyers against the fallen dictators and 48 associates in connexion with the coup of April 21, 1967.

Another major inquiry against Mr Papadopoulos and Mr Ioannidis and 28 others, main military, is now in progress connexion with the massacre at the Athens Polytechnic a year ago. The junta leaders are charged with the moral responsibility for at least 14 deaths and injuries to over 1,000 demonstrators.

A third investigation, now in its preliminary stage, was ordered following a lawsuit by a former mayor of an Athens suburb against Mr Ioannidis and his junta, as well as the puppet government of Mr Adonis Androustopoulos—2 people in all—for exposing Greece to the danger of external conflict by staging the coup in Cyprus to kill President Makarios.

Police accused of killing villagers in S Vietnam

Saigon, Nov 4

A police raid in a small South Vietnamese village touched off a new crisis today for the troubled regime of President Thieu.

An Opposition senator accused police of killing three people and wounding 10 others at an anti-Thieu protest in the village, but Government officials insisted the shooting involved a search for draft dodgers.

Sensor Doan Van Luong said he received reports of police opening fire on protesters last Saturday during a meeting in the village of Chanh Tam, 10 miles east of Saigon. The Senator said survivors told him police sprayed rifle fire into a meeting of about 1,000 people.

A Government spokesman in Saigon said a senior provincial official near the village said the reports were false, but differed about what happened. The officials said the shooting broke out during a police search for draft dodgers. The Saigon spokesman said there were no deaths, but the province official said a teenage boy died.

The Saigon spokesman criticized the United Press International and the senator. Reporters who tried to reach Chanh Tam today were headed off by combat police. The truth was considered crucial to the fate of President Thieu, who has been fighting in recent weeks to save his political life.—UPI.

Proposal for Turkish regional in Cyprus

Nicosia, Nov 4

Mr Denktash, the Turkish leader, said today that he was planning an interim administration for the Turkish side of the island which would come "the Turkish government of the state".

An administrative already existed, but the organization would be created by representatives of trade unions and business professional groups.

He described the plan which would provide a measure of a constitutional assembly for the 1 Cypriot community.

He emphasized that the of the assembly would on final political arrangements made with the Greek Cypriots who are anxious to preserve structure of a united independent state. He said Reuter that last Friday's Nations resolution calling the withdrawal of foreign troops from Cyprus could not be implemented.

This was because of realities of Cyprus and the bi-regional state which he set up.

Main points of the plan supported by both Greek Cypriots, are the withdrawal of foreign troops following the return of refugees to homes.

About 200,000 Greek Cypriots were driven from their towns and villages advancing Turkish Arm. Turkish Cypriots are in settling many thousands of own refugees, displaced intercommunal fighting years ago, in Greek villages.

Mr Denktash said today the questions of troop drawdowns and the return of refugees must be tackled in the text of a political settlement.

Mr Denktash said he made a provisional arrangement this morning to resume talks with acting President Kostas Clerides on Wednesday.

The talks will concern humanitarian issues: assistance elderly and others stranded either side of the line divides the Greek and Turkish communities and help students who want to return their studies in different of the island.

Political issues to be between the two communities must await a decision whether Archbishop Makarios is to return to the island, Mr Denktash said.—Reuter.

Soviet courier in airport dispute leave Sydney

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Nov 4

The weekend stalemate between the two Soviet diplomatic couriers who refused to submit to security checks at Sydney airport, ended today when took off by Thai International Airlines without going through the security checks on a both British Airways, Qantas, the Australian air insisted.

Efforts by Soviet and Australian officials in Canberra to settle the dispute failed. Thai flight was then chosen the Russians. They boarded aircraft destined for Copenhagen by way of Singapore. It was expected they would disembark at Singapore and board a Soviet liner for Moscow.

The Russians had refused to walk through the metal detector at the airport. They had declined to present luggage for checking.

Hopeless hopefuls of US election

From Fred Emery
Washington, Nov 4

You would never know it from the polls and the forecasters, but there are candidates in America's elections tomorrow who will do far worse than the Republicans.

They are the so-called "non-major" candidates; the roughly 200 challengers for Senate, House and state governor's seats, and thousands more running for state government posts from dog catcher to judge and county auditor. Only in the house do they have some chance. In the main races for federal office or for Governor not one is tipped to win.

Yet it would be incorrect to say that they are unrepresented. Senator James Buckley was elected from New York on a non-major ticket—quasi-called Conservative. And there is always Governor George Wallace. His followers in the loose gathering of the American Independence Party (they go under several names) put up a dozen candidates for the House in California, for instance. The Governor would not dream in Alabama, of going outside the regular Democratic ticket.

In fact very few "others" bother to run in the South. It is still a place where Republicans refrain from challenging Democratic citadels. But in the big industrial states the variety of parties appears to be expanding. In Connecticut there are both "American" and "George Wallace Party" candidates rivaling each other for last place.

In California, the Peace and Freedom Party has nine contestants for Congressional seats, including Mr Jerry Rubin, another renegade trying out the system, keeping with part of California's mores, their gubernatorial candidate, Mrs Elizabeth Keathley, campaigned nude on the beach just outside Los Angeles. Any other attitude would have been out of place.

The range of causes is what one would have expected. In Alaska a man is standing on the ticket of Alaskan Independence, just about the only tinge of separatism to be found in the lists.

Of course there are Communists, and a wide range of Marxists. There are Socialists, Labour and workers parties. Some of these do very respectably in terms of numbers of votes. The Socialist Labour Party candidate, emphasizing that the party is non-communist, got 29,069 votes in Ohio in the Senate race of 1970. He is Mr John O'Neill, an Irish-born American, a wry moderate who agrees the time has not yet come for his Marxian prescription for the economy.

This time he is a write-in candidate, which means that voters may write his name on the ballot. He is dilly scathing about the "major" opponents in the race and, with others like the Libertarian Party woman challenger, has gingered up the campaign there.

The outsider who has perhaps attracted most attention is in New York. She is Mrs Barbara Keating, standing as a Conservative in the Senate race. She is a Vietnam widow,

and has gained good marks for her common sense. She could conceivably hurt Senator Javits, the Republican incumbent, if she attracts more than a wafer slice of the vote.

On the other side of that New York contest there are no fewer than six more non-major candidates, including in addition to parties already named the Labour Party, the Courage Party and the Free Libertarian. The same parties are repeated in the lists for Governor in New York.

New York probably more than California has been the breeding ground of hopeless hopefuls.

Such a huge continent inevitably produces the exotic, as well as echoes from the past. A woman dispatcher at the Minneapolis fire brigade is running in favour of "Industrial government". Michigan has a resolutely unsuccessful Human Rights Party and Colorado has both a Prohibition candidate, and a couple of troublesome independents.

One is linked with Investors Overseas Services (IOS) which raises some eyebrows, the other for a while threatened to void the election there altogether because his name had been excluded, then added late.

It is difficult to understand why they run. Indeed, the surprise is that there are not more.

However, they get very little of the free broadcast time granted in Britain. Only where major candidates agree to broadcast debates do they get a look in.

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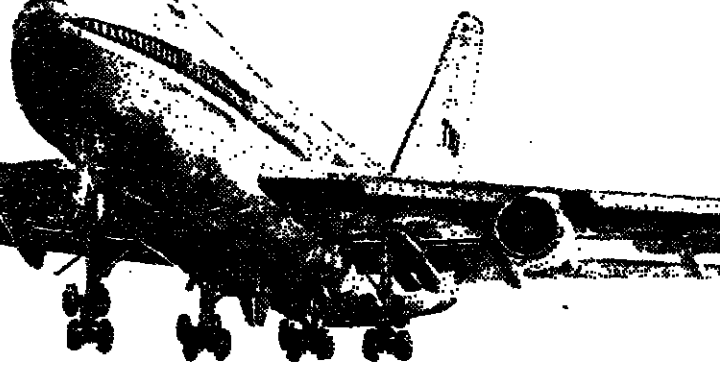
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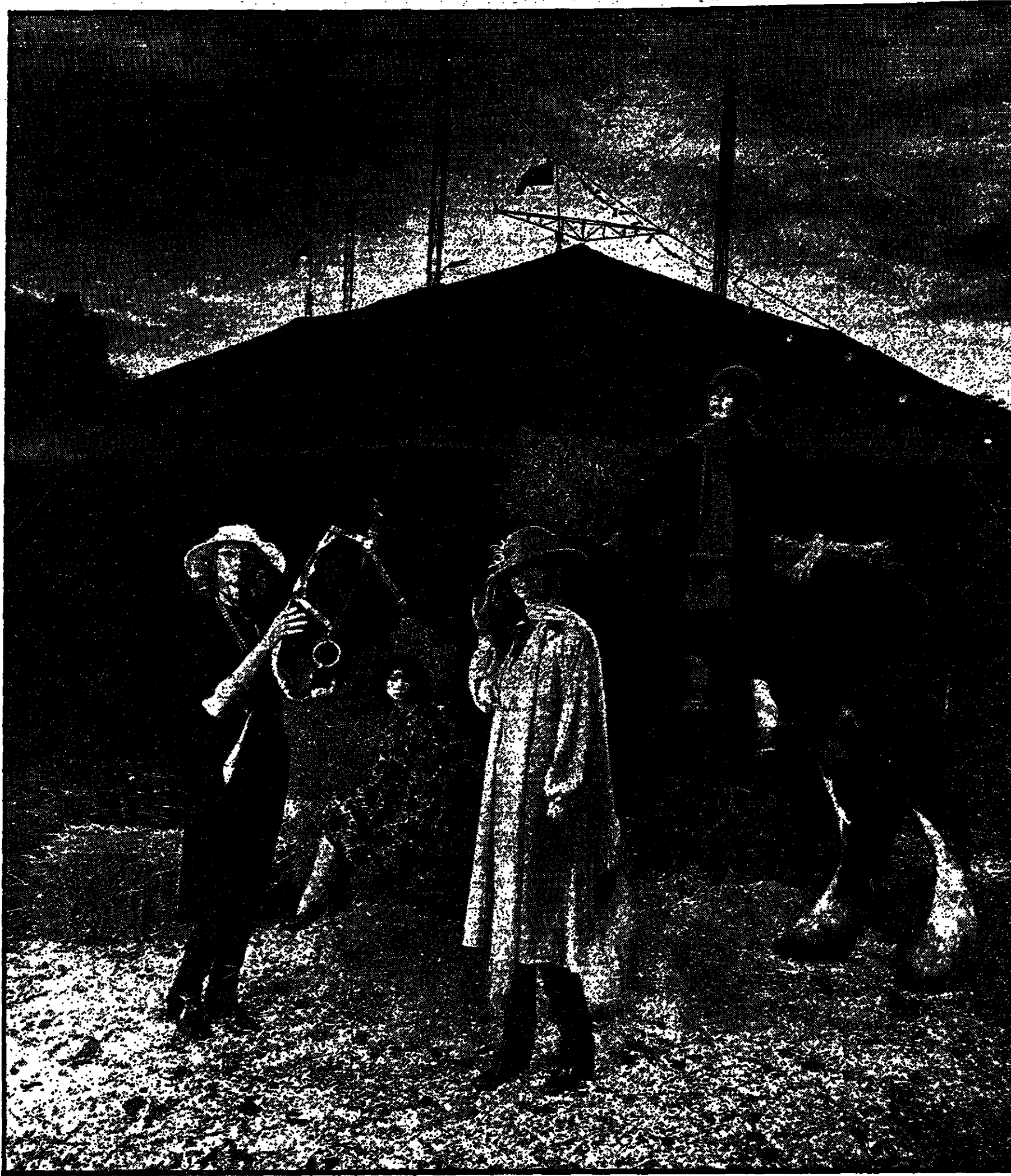


Left: White
Hazel Jersey Dress
by Yuki

- From left to right, in photograph:
● Flannel dress with separate belt called Genérique, from Regine, 18 Sloane Street, S.W.1. Colours black and brown, sizes 10-14. Price £39. Hat with tulle applique by Alan Couldridge exclusively for Liberty & Co. La Caverna bangle, £28.15. Necklaces £3.95 and £3.90, and long silky scarf £3.90. All from Liberty's.
- Flower print dress in browns and greens, with full sleeves and separate belt, from Fenwick's, New Bond Street, W.1. Style 1655, sizes 10-14. Price £14.95. Shoes "Pin-Up", £12.99, from Russell & Bromley.
- Tricel chemise dress with matching fringe scarf, by Juliet Dunn from her new collection. Available February or early March. Dress style 461, £30.95 approx. Scarf 461B, £9. Shirt 411, £17. For stockists contact Juliet Dunn, 128 Long Acre, W.C.2. 01-838 5874. La Caverna gold and new chain, £29.50 from Liberty's. Hat with applique stars by Alan Couldridge, £32. Boots £32 from Russell & Bromley.
- Polyester jersey chemise dress with tie neck and separate belt, by Pauline Wynne-Jones for Lucienne's 89 Knightsbridge, S.W.1, £57. Sizes 8-14. There is also a long version for £78 and both come in brown, green, beige and bright red. Knitted hat and scarf by Lolita Cane, in many colours, from Vanessa Lee, St John's Wood, High St., N.W.8. Lucienne's S.W.1 and Check of Oxford: Style Paris, £7.50 approx. Shoes "Rostos" £24.95 from Russell & Bromley.

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Hit the Sack

Since the dawn of fashion history, the silhouettes of women's clothes has gone in and out. In ancient Knossos they liked the bertha-collared crinoline when not wearing a bikini for symposium or bull-dancing; the Romans preferred to relax in a robe like the classic chiton; the Elizabethans were boarded in like half-timbered houses; the belles of the Waterloo era risked pneumonia nightly in white gauze. Under Queen Victoria the female figure returned to the icon ideal of the synthetic doll-shape, unapproachable across a yard of skirt flounces and even the naughty Edwardians were buttoned and bustled up enough in public. Paul Poiret always gets the credit for "liberating women" and it is true that he was the designer who was king when the fashion leaders began to feel the urge towards emancipation which he so brilliantly interpreted.

The big development of the past 75 years has been the speed-up of fashion change. Roughly 100 years separate the relaxed dress of the Empire style and Poiret's radical robes, yet only 30 years later Mainbocher was poised for the tight waist when the Second World War pushed him back to America and it fell to Dior to epitomize the New Look in 1947. Back came boned bodices, crinoline skirts, a refinement of fashion called the tight waist when the Second World War pushed him back to America and it fell to Dior to epitomize the New Look in 1947.

Without doubt the master of the loose cut in England is Yuki. You know how fantastic your bathrobe looks when you throw it nonchalantly around you? Yuki manages to capture that same careless rapture and secure it without ever showing how the shape is retained. In Paris at the ready-to-wear collections recently, journalists were asking where were the seams on Karl Lagerfeld's brilliant dresses for Chloé. You can ask the same about Yuki's new collection, and probably find the answer is that there is only one anyway, and it is where you least expect it.

Yuki is shy of talking about "mystery" when you ask him about the allure of the dress which fits only where it touches because mystery is "an old-fashioned word" — especially, I suppose, if you come, as he does from the exotic East. Yuki thinks his amazingly contrived dresses are seductive because "everyone has different tastes. If you make the figure too obvious there will be some to whom it does not appeal. Then it is far more clever to hint at certain areas of the anatomy, to draw the eyes by the way the fabric flows. The imagination is infinite, the eye's message finite." Yuki uses very pretty tie and dye silk crepe and velvets from Quinquarème, and some handsome Liberty prints, but the impact makers are again his unique draped dateless robes in Eucel jersey.

With things suitable for the beach and others for the grandest soirée, always with his own very special talent for leaving material alone, this fashion collection is Yuki's strongest to date. Lucienne's 89 Knightsbridge, is a good place to see his work.

Fashion story 2

Opening today at 69 Brompton Road is a shop specializing in Italian ready-to-wear clothes for men and women. It is the latest in the chain of fashion enterprises undertaken for the Hills (famous for airports) shops by their fashion coordinator, Roberto Devorik. Mr Devorik, a most engaging Argentine whose fierce moustache and blasé Latin eyes tend to conceal the fact that he is only 26, was brought up in an atmosphere of fashion. In Buenos Aires his mother had a couture business which represented Dior and Balmain. He knows Italy well and particularly likes working there.

When the new shop opens, Hills by Rad will have just about the biggest range of Italian clothes in London. Despite the inevitable price of imported clothes, the cur and quality and style of things keep customers coming back for more, and the shop at 6 Old Bond Street has had to reorder winter things already. Star attractions are the clothes from Milena Mosse, the work of those brilliant designer, Sylvano Malta, readers may remember from reports of Italian collections on this page some seasons ago; Krizia, whose collection I thought was

so attractive in Milan; Moon, Coumont, Avagoff, Pasquelli, Jenny by Gianni Vershachi and La Caverna jewelry. The shop also carries handbags and belts, many designed by Roberto Devorik himself, but does not do shoes.

Many Hills's customers are international travellers "who expect to be able to find the best of Italy in a capital such as London". But Mr Devorik buys very much with an eye to his "English ladies" who like the special Italian looks and colours he provides. Meeting retailers as enthusiastic and as agreeable as he is makes it all too easy to forget just how much is involved as he tours a showroom to put down an order. Mr Devorik does not forget.

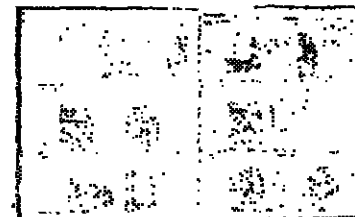
"You must always remember that with every trip abroad to buy you are costing your company a half-million dollars." After that I felt much in need of a Fernet Branca; but Hills's duty-free airport shops do not keep it, it seems. Perhaps Mr Devorik could establish a neat sideline in alcoholic Italian accessories to go with the knits and silks. Come to think of it, with the prices rising and the economy drooping it might not be such a bad idea.

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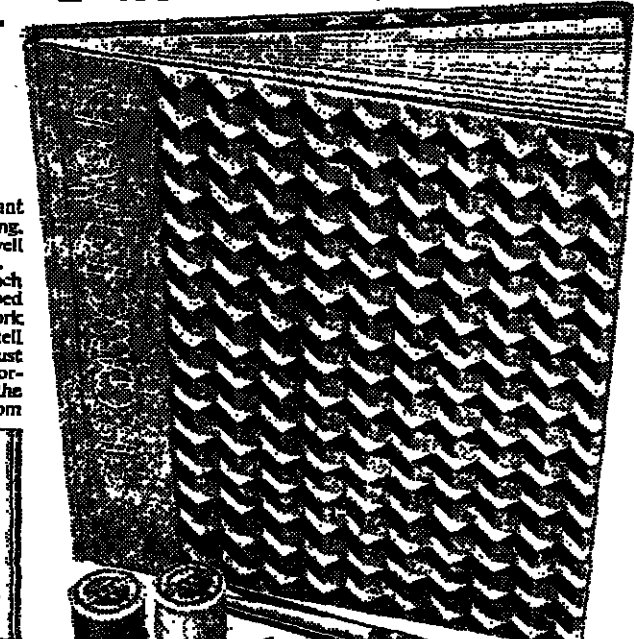
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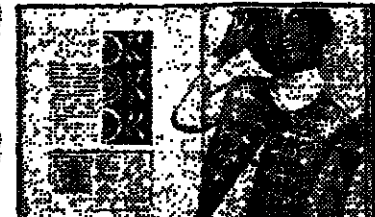
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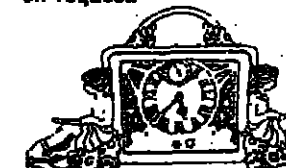
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Cricket

Chappell gets the feel of MCC attack

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Adelaide, Nov 4

Contrary to the predictions of those who see him as a progressive captain, Ian Chappell showed no desire to keep MCC's match against South Australia alive here today. Rather than doing so by means of a declaration he continued South Australia's second innings until they were all out for 330, by when, with only 105 minutes left, MCC needed 219 to win. These they made no effort to get.

The cricketers were, therefore, for as long as MCC had a chance of winning by bowling South Australia out in time, which was for perhaps half the day, I am not sure what Chappell hoped to achieve by lurking in his tent, once he had been out himself, unless he feared that a victory so soon in their tour might give MCC too great a boost. It is disappointing, having come this far, to find the chance of a challenge ignored. This is not to claim that MCC, when they batted over the weekend, threw down any gauntlets.

Chappell's opposite number took the opportunity this evening, with Amies having played an hour of going in with Lloyd. To show that he expected nothing more of the game, Chappell kept wicket. Lloyd got out a long bow, when reaching for the prize for the fastest 100 of the match, and Denness, having batted for 80 minutes, edged a leg break to slip. Jenner turned the ball enough to show how MCC had done so well. Chappell, given it a go, "Edrich's dismissal in the last 10 minutes, playing no stroke, merely confirmed this."

After Chappell had been run out, 40 minutes after the start this morning, there was an hour or more when it looked as though MCC would win. For over four hours Chappell had a very little trouble by any of the bowlers. He had set out to take a long, hard look at the England attack, and that is what he was doing when he called him for a sharp single to Greg at cover point. Greg's throw hit the stumps with Chappell fractionally out. He had been run out. Chappell had achieved in the match by throwing down the match.

With only another 22 runs more by length than flight, of course, though it was with a decidedly slower ball that Handrick was bowled. Handrick shows no signs yet, happily, of the stitch which handicapped him in West Indies. He has been more successful by Australia's bowlers, and he made the carry from the longest boundary, with his returns, as easily as any of the South Australian batsmen. While needs a faster pitch than this to rattle anyone out.

If Amies is fit to play (Lloyd stands by to replace him), the first seven in the order for Friday's match against Victoria—Amies, Lockhart, Edrich, Denness, Fletcher, Greig and Knott—could well be the same in the first Test match in Brisbane. Timms plays as well as Greig, which will provide an interesting comparison between the two off spinners, and Lever and Arnold get their first first class game. The unlikely one, as so often, is Taylor, who yields to Knott's wish for as much early practice as he can get. Having been seen over for the Rest of the World in 1971-72, Taylor is highly inclined to say how they wish he were one of their own.

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Football

Nobody is able to write off Liverpool's chances

From Norman Fox
Liverpool, Nov 4

Liverpool are always considered to be at their best when under pressure, which is why, despite the evidence, nobody will write off their chances in tomorrow's European Cup Winners' Cup second round, against Ferencvaros, even though their current programme is formidable.

Last week their seven international players were on duty away from Anfield; on Saturday a team of defence, which they lost 1-0 to leave the championship wide open; today they flew here for what is akin to a commuter service, away on night duty, the match tomorrow at midday (local time) and straight home afterwards—and on Saturday they play Arsenal. Next week comes another difficult League Cup tie against Middlesbrough, then the derby game with Everton. In Bill Shankly's day a Cup Winners' Cup would have received a derisive snort. Under his successor, Bob Paisley, things are very different. Paisley sees tomorrow's games as the most important of the season.

I must say, I did not notice that Liverpool were "pacing themselves" on Saturday, but that is what Mr Paisley's team is doing during this hectic period. The only problem is that their pace was easily surpassed by Ipswich, and tomorrow the young Ferencvaros team, who drew 1-1 at Anfield with a fine late goal by Mate, are capable of undermining

Liverpool's confidence on foreign and home fronts. Ferencvaros, "directed" by the former Hungarian international centre forward, Florian Albert, the third in their league behind Ujpesti Doros, who play in Leeds on Wednesday, and Hoarev. They have four full internationals but Mr Albert is in the process of expediting his youngsters with the established men like Ballint, a kind of defence. Although this will be the club's seventh-third match in their European history, the present Ferencvaros are less experienced than Liverpool and this could be crucial if the English league leaders can score an early goal as the pressure of playing in, for the moment, coming unusually hard, Liverpool may find themselves being eliminated by the Hungarians.

Mr Paisley's view is that if Liverpool beat Ferencvaros they will "win the championship" because "there is no better way of gaining confidence than winning away in Europe". His element of surprise against Ferencvaros will almost certainly be to announce the same team as in the first leg but actually withdraw Keegan to midfield and play Boersma in the front line. This could attract some of the Hungarian back four out of position to follow Keegan and leave a gap for another Liverpool player to exploit. Keegan is subtle enough to ensure that the play works; and Boersma is in good form. Slight though the change may be, it might just work.

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Significant changes in next summer's fixture list

By Richard Streeton
Next summer's Prudential Cup tournament of one-day international cricket matches in England from June 7 to 2 has brought significant changes in the fixture list.

The most important of these is that a more balanced county championship programme has been compiled. Broadly speaking, the 17 counties in 1975 will have played the same number of championship games at any given time, which has not been the case for many years. The championship table through the summer months will therefore be far more meaningful and the season could reach a concerned climax.

The revised programme entails closing matches ending on September 14, a fortnight later than usual. A less straggle start, too, is planned with eight championship games beginning on Wednesday April 30. For the first time one complete round of games

at the zonal stage of the Benson and Hedges Cup will be staged in midweek (May 21) instead of all five preliminary rounds being held on Saturdays.

It has not been found desirable or feasible to keep the Prudential Cup tournament clear of championship fixtures, though only a restricted programme has been arranged in that period.

By common usage the tournament is also known as the World Cup, to the chagrin, no doubt, of the sponsors. It is being played under Gillette Cup rules with a maximum of 60 overs per side for each side. All Test match countries are taking part, together with teams representing Ceylon and East Africa.

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Tooting at home to Crystal Palace in C

Tooting and Mitcham, back on the rails for the first time since their draw in 1959 with the eventual winners, Nottingham Forest, are at home to Crystal Palace on November 23 in the first round tie in the southern section.

Bobby Charlton takes his Presidential side to the Northamptonshire town of Llyfni, but it will be like a home from home for the former England player, who was born in Llyfni, just a few miles from the town.

It looks like being a hard game for Mr Charlton, who as player-manager has guided his side to the place in the fourth division after being relegated last season. Llyfni Spartans, from the Northern League, have a record of 12 wins, 10 draws and 11 losses in 30 games.

The Northern Premier League champions, Boston United, who caused a surprise by drawing 0-0 at Derby in the third round last season, will be hard pressed to get the place in the fourth division. They must travel to Chesterfield.

Generally the draw was kind to non-league clubs, with 17 being the highest number of clubs in the small southern sides who did best.

With 12 of them at home, Ashford Town are home to Walsall and Brentford, struggling near the foot of the fourth division, are away to Slough. Town, who moved into their new 10-acre Walsall Road site only last week. They expect a gate of at least 8,000.

Southwick, the Sussex County League side, who surprised by knocking out Hayes in the previous round, go to Bournemouth. Bournemouth had to search through the record books to find in which league their opponents compete. The manager, Trevor Hartley, said: "We've found them. I take it that they are an amateur side, but they are in the Southern League team Hayes 2-1 on Saturday they must be useful."

The Southwick secretary, Bill East, said: "This is a marvellous fantastic draw. I couldn't wish for a better one and neither could the team that has done so well to get into the fourth division. We do not want to put up with the map. They are a League side and near enough local for us. With the money from the gate we should be able to pay for the floodlights installed for next season."

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Boxing

Foreman calls for an official inquiry

Paris, Nov 4.—George Foreman, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, today called for an official inquiry into last week's fight in which he lost the title to Muhammad Ali.

Hope could prevail in final stages

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
At Wolverhampton civic hall this evening Larry Paul hopes to become the first outright winner of a world title at the light middleweight limit of 11st by defeating his latest challenger, Maurice Hope.

Not for the first time the Wolverhampton promoter, Alex Griffiths, who also manages Paul, has been complaining about the lack of television coverage, and therefore financial support, for a Midlands promotion. In fact this evening's bout—even if the new light-middleweight division does not yet make much impact on the public—could be well worth showing on the box.

Paul became British champion after only eight professional contests. The Midlands boxer has now had 16 bouts and won them all except a 10 rounds draw with Trevor Francis last March, which was supposed to be his London debut, but turned out to be rather a damp squib. Paul, who is 22, can hit hard, as he showed by winning the vacant title with a knockout over Bobby Arthur, but he looked rather sluggish in his last bout against Tom Imlrie, in June.

Ellis confident he can beat Bugner

Jimmy Ellis, the American heavyweight contender, yesterday confidently said he can beat Joe Bugner in their 10-round fight at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on November 12. Ellis said: "I am going to win. I have enormous respect for Bugner but I am confident that I can beat him."

Ellis, who once held the World Boxing Association's version of the world heavyweight title, has been beaten by Muhammad Ali. Promoter Ray Leavitt has signed the Puerto Rican, Nani Marrero, to meet Ken Buchanan, former world lightweight champion, over 10 rounds at the 11th.

Under the usual rules these players would be placed in a specific position in the draw. The change in the draw, as suggested by the Association of Tennis Professionals, is the referee, Michael Gibson, welcomes the idea he believes is a fair system and gives an extra element of chance.

Ice skating

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Patrick Eddery's and Lester Piggott's hardy for the 1974-75 season championship continued at Lingfield Park yesterday, where each had a winner. Piggott rode Danila in the Wurdaby International on Saturday and Eddery's lead of six seems to ensure that he will be the new champion.

Eddery was first off the mark with Record Token in the Marchwood Gate Hurdle and colt won the ninth-fifth winner for Peter Walwyn, who also won the Pitter Sweeps Derby with English Prince. Walwyn said: "don't miss quite shall make the century. I'm quite happy with what I have. I don't want to have more than seven or eight runners, and three are at the same race here tomorrow. As one of the other next Monday. If he's all right after this race."

Supplementing a success Newbury last month, Piggott rode up to the heavy token Arthur Lees to lead at the furling mark and Eddery reported: "I just gave him a backhand and he flew."

Biggins said he has to retire hard for his success on Rompagey who came through smoothly

e Marion Weber . . . a performance full of vigour and charm.

By Dennis Bird

Sunday was no day of rest at Richmond ice rink this week when the Richmond International Trophy competition figure skating was held there. From 7 am, 26 girls from 17 countries traced their rockers, change-loops and paragraph double turns, and afterwards skated in the early evening with their programme of prescribed free skating movements.

In the absence of the Swiss champion, Karl Iken, the compulsory figures became a dual between the two Russians, Olga Korotkova, and Isabel de Navarre, from West Germany. The blond American had to be content with second place in the rockers, and then to overtake the German. After the third figure honours were almost even: Miss Malenberg had a tiny lead by points advantage of 0.75 on a four to three margin, the majority of the heat. Dark Bavaria was declared the leader.

A new challenger emerged in the short free programme, Marion Schmitt (East Germany), aged 15, and one of the youngest competitors, gave a splendid performance full of vigour and charm.

Her dramatic double Axel-double loop combination jumps were the highlight of the evening, and she won this part of the competition. She had taken third place in the morning's compulsory figures, but her new combination routine moved up to second. She displayed Miss Malenberg, who fell on her double lutz jump, and generally seemed to lack confidence.

The two British competitors skated consistently well, and at the end of the day, Keddie was fourth, and the Scot, Barbara, fifth. The Richmond-trained Di Bardhan ninth. Miss Keddie overcame her free skating with a powerful double lutz and made no notable errors.

Close behind her was Ludmila Bakonina, the first skater from the Soviet Union to compete in the event in just two categories. Although in a little time on Saturday night after a delay over her hair she was seventh in figures and moved up two places after spirited free skating.

Results after figures and programmes: 1. Miss Malenberg, 2. Miss Weiber (East Germany), 3. Miss Keddie (191), 4. Miss Bardhan (191), 5. Miss Schmitt (15), 6. Miss Korotkova (191), 7. Miss de Navarre (191), 8. Miss Bakonina (191), 9. Miss Bardhan (191), 10. Miss Schmitt (15), 11. Miss Weiber (East Germany), 12. Miss Korotkova (191), 13. Miss de Navarre (191), 14. Miss Bardhan (191), 15. Miss Schmitt (15), 16. Miss Weiber (East Germany), 17. Miss Korotkova (191), 18. Miss de Navarre (191), 19. Miss Bardhan (191), 20. Miss Schmitt (15), 21. Miss Weiber (East Germany), 22. Miss Korotkova (191), 23. Miss de Navarre (191), 24. Miss Bardhan (191), 25. Miss Schmitt (15), 26. Miss Weiber (East Germany).

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Our Newmarket Correspondent

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By John Nicholls

The annual meeting of the International Yacht Racing Union commenced in London yesterday. For the first time in my experience, the attending the national gatherings of sailing administrators, the opening session of the permanent committee was held in private. Neither the press, nor the public, were invited, and the largely the delegates from overseas who serve on the various sub-committees were admitted. Apparently the permanent committee meetings, kings, lawyers and the like, might have been inhibited from speaking their minds in public.

So the sub-committee men will have to wait till their chairmen report to the public, before they know what the policies for this week's round of talks are going to be. The agendas for the meetings give a reasonable idea, and are in many ways a happy. The centreboard and youth committees for instance, both have plenty to argue about. The permanent committee will convene again on Friday, when it will deliberate on and probably approve most of the items prepared for it.

One proposal that is certain to be carried is the final separation of the Union's interests from the British Royal Yachting Association. The first move in this direction occurred last year, when the Union occupying its own premises, when the latter moved into Woking. Nigel Hall remained secretary of both bodies and now, not unexpectedly, he decided he can no longer be both. He intends to resign from the RYA next spring, when he will begin full time work for the Union. A new secretary will be appointed, and I understand that applications will be invited for the post.

I believe both administrators will benefit from the change. There must be times when the yachting interests differ from those of other countries, and the Union and it is obviously difficult for one man to pursue the interests and objectives of possibly opposite factions.

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Races

By a Special Correspondent

For the second year running Lady Margaret completed the double in the Cambridge University four-mile race by winning the post-boys' round eight fairs final yesterday by 3m 37secs in a record time of 9m 37secs.

Their victims were Trinity Hall, who, starting as complete unknowns, announced their presence by beating Pembroke completely with Blues Brailey and O'Brien. Wednesday's runners they knocked down seeded St. Catherine's, stroked by the 1974 Boat Race president, Ben Duncan; and including Girdlehead Poston, and ending in the semi-final round removed another Goldie man, Langridge, of First and Third Trinity, in their easiest race.

Trinity Hall's performance appears to justify Captain Andrew Ricker's decision finally to abandon "toothpicks" for spades at the beginning of term, but even he was surprised to reach the final.

The postponement was because the No 2 Gosport boat had to sit and wait for the Foreign Office on Friday, the original final date.

However, this merely postponed their downfall against the favourites, Lady Margaret, who, with three members from the first Prince Philip Cup board, were, despite never being pressed, the

only crew to beat 10 min the races. They broke the record which they set up last year in the 8m 46sec.

In the consolation rowing, Cambridge made sure of the trophy Thursday when their A crew Selwyn and the B crew Newnham, in Fridley-Jones' hands, overtook second place four and a half seconds at the second signal by the 7m mark, but the B crew who followed from behind did not prevail until the end of the race. They were still two-and-a-half seconds short at the railway bridge.

This week's event was won by the Freshman Favourite for Colquhouns David Sturge, of Lady Margaret Club, who finished Saturday's head of the race in 26secs, 25 seconds behind winner Christopher Baillie, 1973 CUBC president and oarsman. Second stroke Cambridge bow, Michael Wainwright, took 1min 13sec slower than his own time of 11min 26sec.

Eleventh in the Cam Eights, the freshman, James Wilson, won the division and should stand a chance in the Bushe-Fox Cup.

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Before Mr Justice Megarry.

[Judgment delivered October 31]

For long the law student's adage has been that "damages cannot be recovered for breach of contract, and that warning remains, subject only to the claim for limited damages, or a limited sum, if the damages, or a limited sum, can be recovered."

His Lordship so said in a reserved judgment on a summons by the plaintiffs, Mr John Dyson, that the plaintiffs, Mr John Richard Horner and Mrs Dorothy Helen Horner, were entitled to damages of £3,149 for the non-performance by Mr Zorro of a contract for sale of his house in Talma Road, Hove, Brighton.

It was contended that the contract had been rescinded and referred the case back into chambers for the master to consider the matter as directed by an order dated June 1, 1972. He further directed those damages.

The plaintiffs sought a limited sum for the house and its value at 1, 1972, when the order was made and inquired as to costs and inquiry as to damages of £149, and costs payable by the plaintiffs.

Goulston in accordance with the order of June 1, 1972, and the summons, asking to give the master's certificate.

The damages had been ordered on the basis of *Wootton (The Times)*, *Denton (The Times)*, *Deane (The Times)*, and the difference between the contract price and the value of the property.

Not of the breach but of the jurisdiction conferred by *Cairns ACIL 1858*, which damages were awarded in the case of the plaintiffs' claim for specific performance disappeared when the order was made on May 16, 1972.

The order was made. There were difficulties in awarding damages substitute for what was

There was another

His attorneys, who had been in contact dates June 28, 1971, Mr. Zorro contracted to sell his house to Mr. and Mrs. Horsler for \$4,000 and July 26 was stated to be the date for completion of the proper documents to be submitted to the Public Finance Corporation Ltd., and on July 8 Mr Zorro's solicitors received a letter from Goulston stating that the contract required to redeem the mortgage on July 26 would be \$3,801. On July 12 Mr Zorro's solicitors wrote to Mr. Zorro pointing out that the commission, voiding of the contract, and certain other matters, but would have left a balance of just under £100.

Mr Zorro then failed to proceed with the sale on July 30 and on November 30 Mrs Horsler issued a writ against him, claiming specific performance, alternatively, damages for breach of contract. In addition that they were entitled to a lien for the deposit and interest thereon, and for any damages and costs, they also issued a summons seeking an order for Goulston to pay the sum of £100 on February 4, 1972, they issued a further summons claiming an order for specific performance of the contract under the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Zorro and a letter to his solicitors to the solicitors dated April 4, that the Horslers decided to press proceedings for specific performance of their deposit and another property, and the return of the deposit. Mr Zorro's solicitors stated that they had no intention of damages.

On April 17 Mr Zorro wrote to the Horslers returning the deposit for the solicitor, and saying would seek to get them well. Quite apart from the matter to the writ, by the Horslers had the course of seeking an

Before those summonses came on for hearing the Horslers, on May

tion, and in the second prayer, which began "Alternatively, damages," the deleted words "for a lien the world relating to the deposit and interest were deleted. At that stage the action apparently became one in which, apart from the lien, rescission and damages were sought.

Both summonses, in that state of affairs, came on for hearing before the judge on 17 July 1972. The first summons was for the certificate must be His Lordship left off in *Wroth v Tyler*, which could be awarded at the second stage.

The second question was the unappealed order of 1972, directing an order for damages, suit stated in the summons, if the damages was to be

fore the master on June 1, 1972. On the summons to add Goulston, to chambers for a fit. It should go with a

The defendant "And it appearing that the contract had repudiated the contract for sale of June 10, 1971, in the instant case, the court did find it is ordered that the said contract be rescinded".

The order proceeded to direct an inquiry as to what sum ought to be paid to the Horseshoe by way of damages for the non-performance by the defendant of the said contract. The court found that the amount of damages be certified.

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Marginal relaxation of controls expected in age four of Price Code

Controls on industry will relax only slightly when the four Price Code re-issues are published in December, according to industrial circles. They generally believed that the new Green Paper published on November 12 will include some relaxation of "productivity deduction", concessions for companies which are increasing investment in strengthening of the provisions which restrict wage inflation. It is also seen as such a central element of the Price Code that it would be difficult to abandon it and retain the trade unions' confidence in the social contract.

For many months the Government is known to have wanted to encourage investment, while maintaining price controls. The difficulty has been to find a formula which incorporates incentives to capital spending, while not creating loopholes which would enable companies to raise prices unnecessarily. Discussions initially were on "permissible rates of return". Some bodies, particularly those representing retail and wholesale trade, argued that prices should be adjusted to give a reasonable return on capital, with rates for existing investments different from those for new investment. The rate on new investment, for example, could depend on the cost of overdraft finance from the banks.

This idea, however, has been rejected because it is too complicated and would probably prove unworkable in practice. The alternative, which is believed to be favoured by the CBI, is to make a fraction of investment expenditure an allowable cost under the code. The figure of 20 per cent has been quoted as the fraction which is under consideration. The safeguard provisions in stage three, which should, in principle, prevent a firm from suffering a substantial erosion of its profit margin, have turned out to be a dead letter, because the relevant passages in the Price Code are unclear. Although the CBI has pressed for some clarification, the Government has been reluctant to accept its proposals that the provisions should apply to particular products rather than to the company as a whole. The CBI also mentioned this point in its letter last week.

Borrowing raises UK reserves to record

Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currencies rose to their highest ever level last month, but only because of Government borrowing from abroad. The reserves rose by \$37m in the month to October 31, according to figures released yesterday by the Bank of England. But the rise was more than accounted for by the first drawing—amounting to \$500m—on the \$2,500m Eurodollar loan arranged for the Government by the clearing banks in March. There was also a small amount of foreign currency borrowing by the public sector under the exchange control scheme, but it totalled no more than \$10m. Converted at the ruling exchange rate on October 1, the increase in reserves was £151m and the reserves total stood at £2,320m.

Mr Varley appeals to miners to accept incentive scheme

By Roger Vielvoys
Energy Correspondent
An indirect appeal to miners to accept the proposed incentive scheme for increasing output from the pits was made yesterday by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy. While avoiding any direct reference to the coming ballot by members of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Varley said the workers and managers in the industry had never faced a more testing time than they would in the next few weeks. "The enemies of the coal industry are hoping that the miners will fail," he said. "But the ordinary miner has the chance to confound his critics by spelling out his faith in the industry by steadily increasing production and productivity and by harmonious industrial relations."

Mr Varley was speaking to the Coal Industry Society prior to the publication of the final report of the tripartite examination of the coal industry. The document outlines further aid to the industry in addition to the £600m investment plans proposed in the interim report published in the summer. Extra help for the industry on the lines of the report were further evidence of the support that the industry could expect from the Government, Mr Varley said. "I believe that as far as the coal industry is concerned no government could have done more in eight short months to fulfil its part of the social contract," he said.

Bright prospects for the industry in the light of the final part of the tripartite report by the Department of Energy, the unions and the NCB were also underlined by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the coal board. The Government had trusted the coal industry to play a bigger part in supplying the country's energy needs, which was a situation that everybody in the industry had been arguing for during a decade of continuing contraction. That opportunity would not occur again, he said. The industry had to recognize that it was not carrying out the remit worked out by union and management and accepted by both sides. Output in the current year would be 5 per cent less than intended unless a big improvement was made in output every week from now onwards. The incentive scheme we have offered to the National Union of Mineworkers could make a real impact on the problem," he said. It would mean more money for the miners and more coal for the country.

Gilts suffer further declines in gloomy day

By Business News Staff
Gilts had another gloomy session yesterday, with more falls in all sections of the market. However there was some interest in "longs" in the afternoon and prices here closed above the lowest levels of the day. Medium-dated stocks suffered the worst falls, often of 1 or 2 points. "Shorts" also were unsettled, although losses were generally contained to 3/16 or 1/4 point. This weakness at the shorter end is a comparatively new feature. For most of last week it was the long-dated and undated stocks which were in vogue, with the shorter end held up quite well. It is thought that current yields on undated stocks—of over 17 per cent in some cases—were now beginning fully to reflect inflationary expectations. Some expectations in some quarters were still round yesterday suggesting that it may soon be time to switch into "longs" and this may have encouraged the late interest in this part of the market. A technical reaction after the recent heavy fall is also expected in some quarters. These fresh losses in the gilt-edged market again undermined equities and increased the nervousness with which the market had taken the publication of a survey of business opinion. Selling of equities remained relatively light, but losses were sharply extended at midday as gilt-edged stocks fell back. Gold shares, however, forged ahead, spurred by the rise in London bullion prices. At the close of business the FT index was down 5.4 points at 1,812.75. The Times index 1,811.00 at 7.55. Recorded bargains at 5,353 were low, even by recent standards. Last weekend brought widespread reviews of the limited choices facing Mr Healey on Budget Day, and these inspired some hurried profit-taking. "Bed and breakfast" trading—selling in order to buy back tomorrow—was also established as a prominent feature and reflected market thoughts that the practice may be stopped on Budget Day. Trading improves: Turnover figures for October confirm the upswing in trading in equities during the election and pre-Budget period. Equity trading rose by 36 per cent to £915m, the highest monthly figure since May. It provided the major boost to an increase in total market turnover from £3,907m to £4,394m.

Gulf states to discuss reductions on crude

Dubai, November 4.—The Arab Emirates has in oil ministers of Persian oil-producing states to a meeting on Saturday to discuss in crude prices, Gulf states said today. They said Saudi Arabia and it had accepted the invitation. Officials expected the major Gulf producers, Iraq and Qatar, also to attend.

also was expected to discuss increased taxes on the oil companies to lower their profits. Reports in the Beirut press said Algeria was pushing for a broader meeting of the oil producers. The semi-official Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported that Kuwait had also agreed to send a delegation. Mr Youssef al Ghanim, Kuwait Water and Electricity Minister, was quoted as saying any price reductions should be made collectively by all members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. An OPEC meeting is scheduled for next month in Vienna. The Shah, a leader in the drastic increases in oil prices last year, told a news conference in Tehran he favoured a single price structure for oil. He said it was possible this price would be "well below" the present posted prices.

Court Line tanker sale ordered

An Admiralty Court judge yesterday ordered the appraisal and sale of the 227,000 tons Court Line tanker Halcyon the Great, which was arrested at Tilbury on Friday. Mr Justice Brandon also directed immediate payment of everything owing to the crew, who have had no wages since October 20. The crew, mainly Indian, are to be repatriated. The judge was told they were suffering hardship and were unable to send money to their families. The ship had made a dash across the Atlantic after escaping an arrest attempt by the Canadian Mounties. Yesterday's action was brought by Bankers' Trust International who advanced £14m to Court Line under three mortgages of the ship. Mr David Grace, their counsel, said loans of £5m extended by Hambros Bank under two mortgages and £10m by National Westminster Bank under one mortgage would be the subject of later litigation. Mr Grace read an affidavit by the assistant manager of BTT, who said the value of the tanker was between \$20m and \$30m. Mr David Steel, counsel for the Court Line liquidator, said the liquidator wanted the sale as soon as possible. The loss would be \$30,000 a day if the ship remained idle.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday.

End of	£m	£m	Change in Mo.
1971	6,582	2,526	
1972	5,848	2,404	
1973			
Oct	6,761	2,772	+579
Nov	6,846	2,836	+115
Dec	6,476	2,787	-170
1974			
Jan	6,178	2,708	-298
Feb	5,968	2,588	-212
March	6,444	2,691	+478
April	6,958	2,889	+512
May	6,744	2,836	-36
June	6,711	2,806	-29
July	6,680	2,799	-31
Aug	6,842	2,953	+152
Sept	7,170	3,074	+528
Oct	7,547	3,230	+377

*Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 are the Smithsonian party rate of \$2.957, and from June 1972 at the closing market rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar price at the time.

Unions in European talks on Ford future

By Edward Townsend
Renewed pressure for Europe-wide discussions between trade unions and the management of Ford of Europe over the company's investment intentions is certain to arise from a two-day conference of union officials from eight countries which continues in London today. One of the main topics at the conference, organized by the Ford World Council of the International Metalworkers' Federation, was a proposal to meet Ford management for formal talks on production plans affecting jobs and income security. Growing concern over Ford's long-term investment programmes in Europe, particularly its plan to build a new car plant in Spain, has been expressed by officials representing Ford workers in a number of countries. Mr Moss Evans, national organizer of the Transport and General Workers' Union automotive group and chairman of the Ford negotiating committee, was attending the conference, claiming some months ago that Mr William O. Bourke, chairman of Ford Europe, had deliberately avoided meeting unions. Ford has taken the line, however, that national rather than international discussions are preferable because of disparities in negotiating arrangements and legislation. The private two-day conference is being attended by officials from Ireland, Belgium, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Turkey and Spain. The Spanish representatives, conscious of official opposition to unions at home, yesterday refused to be photographed with other delegates and are staying at a different hotel. Also on the agenda for discussion was the possibility of Ford workers taking action in support of their counterparts in other countries involved in a dispute. Meanwhile, Ford plants throughout Britain were hit yesterday by a 24-hour token stoppage by almost 2,000 white-collar workers over a company pay offer. The company's proposals, similar to the recent £68m pay deal negotiated with manual workers, are to be discussed further at talks on Friday. Car production was not affected by the strike.

Luxembourg tightens bank rules

Luxembourg, Nov 4.—Luxembourg's banking authorities yesterday announced new restrictions on local banks in an attempt to tighten control over speculative foreign exchange dealings. The Banking Control Commission said that since November 1, Luxembourg-based banks were required to submit regular monthly reports on their forward dealings in all currencies where their uncovered risk exceeded 25m Luxembourg francs (£225,000). The move follows a series of speculative losses on foreign exchange dealings by major banks in several countries. The commission said the new measure will enable it to keep a closer watch on the volume and structure of exchange dealings and the risks being taken by each bank in different currencies. It will also provide an indication of the number, the importance and the quality of banks doing forward exchange business with Luxembourg partners. Two weeks ago the commission instructed banks to carry out daily checks at top management level on their foreign exchange operations.

Court asked to name trustee for ITT divestiture

Washington, Nov 4.—The Department of Justice today proposed in court that an independent trustee be appointed to end International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's control of Levitt and Sons Incorporated. Levitt, a major construction group, has been making a loss for some time and ITT is unlikely to make a strong challenge to the Department of Justice's request in the federal district court in Hartford, Connecticut. This request follows a similar one by the department last week concerning ITT's ownership of 52 per cent of Avis Corporation. ITT has failed to fulfil its commitment to divest itself of Levitt and Avis under arrangements made in 1971 following the takeover of the company by ITT. The agreement called for ITT to divest itself of Levitt by September 24 this year.

BI talks wage guidelines

Edmund Brown
Preliminary proposals for a set of pay guidelines to be used by employers by the Federation of British Industries discussed yesterday at a meeting of the consultation's employment policy committee. A meeting broke up without any definite recommendation to go ahead with the plan which is seen as an alternative to the pay guidelines set as part of the social contract—but it is expected that proposal will be a key item in the agenda of the CBI's council on November 20. Industrialists are anxious to the shape of the November budget before they draw up detailed proposals. It seemed clear after yesterday's meeting that the guidelines, if they do emerge, will be in the form of a series of principles, for example, that elements should help to reduce the rate of inflation, rather than a quantitative exercise which spells out specific rises beyond which industrialists should not go in negotiations. The danger of this approach, it appears to be recognized, is that the CBI, which has criticized the social contract pay guidelines as being insufficiently rigorous, could in its turn be used of lack of clarity.

New holiday code today from ABTA

More than 1,200 travel industry executives will meet in London today to hear announcements of "paramount importance" to holidaymakers. The Association of British Travel Agents says that it will launch a new code of conduct for tour operators and travel agents, an independent arbitration scheme, an official certification service and details of a national training plan for employees in the industry. Coral Leisure Group yesterday explained its decision against going to the rescue of Kentways, the travel firm in which it recently took a 51 per cent share at a cost of £65,000. J. Coral Holdings, the group's parent company, said that when it took a share in Kentways less than a month ago the travel firm's financial position was not fully known. Coral had invested in the company after receiving verbal confirmation that the accounting system used by Kentways in Majorca, where the company operated, was accurate. Later Coral discovered that Kentways' liabilities were much higher than expected. Mr Nicholas Coral, deputy chairman of J. Coral Holdings, said he did not think his company had been misled, but it might have been careless in its original investment. He added that Coral was seeking legal advice as to its rights under the indemnities and warranties given to it at the time of its investment.

SE inquiry names for City Panel

By Margaret Drummond
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Pilkington union seeks investment curb details

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Another reduction in prime rates

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 4
A series of major United States banks cut their prime lending rates today by one quarter per cent, with the Chemical Bank setting a new level of 11 per cent and the First National Bank of Chicago moving to 10 1/2 per cent. Fears over the impending coal strike drove stocks down on Wall Street and the Dow Jones industrial average closed 8.05 points lower to 657.23. The bond markets are enjoying the easier interest rates, but pressures are mounting as the current week will see a high total of private corporate issues, plus \$4.85bn (about £2.87m) of Treasury funding. The dollar was again weaker today, with bankers saying that this largely reflected the growing concern over a deepening recession. The fears on the economy are well reflected in a new report by economists at the First National City Bank. They are now forecasting "essentially unchanged" real gross national product development in 1975 over 1974, with the current year registering a real gnp decline of between 1 per cent and 2 per cent. Further, they stress that unemployment will reach at least 7 per cent by late 1975 and say it may well rise to 8 per cent. In addition, the Citibank economists are predicting that the fading away of one-time stock profit gains will result in a 20 per cent to 30 per cent fall in reported net earnings by United States companies next year. While these forecasts tend to be somewhat gloomier than most now being made, the economists at Citibank have a much brighter inflation forecast than most. They expect the annual rate of price increases to be down to 6 per cent before the middle of next year and to run down to about 4 per cent in the second half of 1975. They see a sharp decline in interest rates—forecasting, for example, that 90-day commercial paper rates will fall down to 5 per cent by late 1975 against the range for late 1974 of 8 per cent to 10 per cent. The markets tend to be more than unusually nervous, due in part to increasing rumours once again of major banks facing serious liquidity difficulties. Some banks point out that the best-known American banks have outstanding extremely large foreign loans which some people would consider to be highly dubious. As for the dollar, New York foreign exchange market dealers say that current rates are too low. They point out that liquidations of large foreign exchange positions by banks which have had serious problems, such as Franklin D. Ryan and Bank of Brussels, have depressed the dollar and that new fears of a deep United States recession are now exaggerating the weakness of the currency.

Rights issue by UK Property

United Kingdom Property Co yesterday announced a pre-tax loss of £102,000 for the year to the end of June compared with a profit of £84,500 in the previous year. The company is proceeding with a seven-for-eight rights issue to raise around £5m. Issues and Loans, page 21

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Courtaulds	25p to 27p	Steep Rock	5p to 72p
Grosvonts	25p to 37p	Western Areas	20p to 535p

Ass Port Cement	3p to 8sp	GKN	10p to 146p
Barclays Bk	13p to 125p	Goldrie Corp	5p to 174p
Bates & Blyth	3p to 12p	Hammerston	5p to 245p
Brit Am Tob	8p to 175p	Secombe Mar	10p to 190p
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Courtaulds	6p to 62p	Town & Com	94p to 16p
		Unilever	6p to 151p

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Contingency plans for jobless sent to Mr Foot

By Business News Staff

Contingency plans to help combat the worst effects of a further increase in unemployment have been submitted to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, by the Manpower Services Commission.

This was disclosed yesterday by Sir Denis Barne, chairman of the commission, commenting on a report on unemployment and manpower policies.

Sir Denis said: "We emphasize the need for the expansion of training facilities, modernization and development of the public employment service and propose a scheme for introducing selective job creation in this country."

The report, prepared by Mr Santosh Mukherjee at the request of the commission, forms part of a review of measures which might be proposed if unemployment rose. The main conclusions are that unemployment hits certain sectors of the labour force particularly hard, notably the over 55s and those in the 16-24 age group.

Balance of payments problems and inflation, the report states, could limit the extent to which a rise in unemployment could be achieved by increasing the level of demand and it recommends that alternative selective measures should be considered for those most at risk and to deal with persistent skill shortages.

These, it suggests, should include a big expansion of training allied to a programme of job creation and states that the commission is uniquely placed to implement such a programme. "There's Work to be Done," Stationery Office, £1.

ECSC foresees coal output decline but expanding steel production

By Peter Hill

Forecasts of a decline in coal production and a rise in the output of raw steel among member countries of the European Coal and Steel Community were made yesterday.

A statement by the ECSC coincided with publication of a tripartite study on the future of the United Kingdom coal industry, which foresees a substantial investment in British coal mining over the next few years.

The European report said annual extraction potential of the original Six ECSC member countries, which fell from 165 million to 155 million tonnes between 1972 and 1973, was likely to drop further to a level of only 124 million tonnes in 1977. Estimates for the United Kingdom indicated an extraction potential rising from 130

million tonnes to 140 million tonnes.

The report noted that mining expenditure for the whole Community continued at a low level—340 million units of account scheduled for investment this year—although a much higher rate of investment was planned for the United Kingdom than in previous years.

Even so, the ECSC stated: "It is feared that in the absence of further new investment decisions, coal extraction in the Community will fall, at least in the short term, to a level still lower than that shown in the present survey."

Referring to iron and steel production, the ECSC statement indicated that raw steel production in the enlarged Community was likely to rise from 174 million tonnes to 206

million tonnes by 1977, with 173 million tonnes accounting for the original Six and 33 million tonnes in the three other member countries.

Production potential in the United Kingdom is expected to rise at an annual rate of 3.5 per cent as a consequence largely of the British Steel Corporation's investment programme and other projects in the private sector, while expansion of the production potential in the Six is likely to be maintained at about 4.5 per cent.

The ECSC statement, which precedes publication of a more detailed report, indicated further rapid growth of electric steelmaking plants.

Major producers in the Community, the ECSC noted, generally appeared to be taking a reserved view of their longer term prospects.

American pit strike fears grow

From Frank Vogl

Washington, Nov 4.—It is a long tradition of American coal miners that work ceases when contracts expire and when new contracts have not been settled, so this makes the closing of most American mines next Tuesday a near certainty, according to mine owners, trade union leaders and independent observers.

The critical question is how long the strike will last. Under new United Mineworkers Union rules a contract must be accepted by a majority of active miners in a secret ballot.

Union officials state that the new ratification procedure will take at least nine days and so far the two sides are wide apart.

Mr Arnold Miller, the new president of UMW, who has sought to reform and clean up the union, cannot afford to go to the miners with anything less than a highly attractive contract.

This narrows his room for manoeuvre because the miners are in a militant mood as a result of inflation and the huge increases in coal company profits arising directly out of the energy crisis.

Union officials state that average wages for miners have increased by just 8 per cent in three years, while coal prices have risen by 61 per cent and profits by coal companies have rocketed at least 181 per cent.

The UMW went into negotiations with more than 200 demands.

Most of the non-wage and pension issues have been settled, but experts close to the negotiations say that it looks as if the new contract will produce a rise in costs for the miner owners of possibly 50 per cent over the three years.

Mr William Usery, Jr, the Federal mediator, has been active and hopes for a settlement this week, which would probably mean a very short strike by the 125,000 miners.

Mr Arch Moore, Governor of West Virginia, who has played an active behind-the-scenes role in negotiations, stated today: "Frankly, unless there is some round-the-clock negotiation from now on, I seriously doubt we can get a contract before the expiration of the old one."

Courtaulds' warning on future of £10m plant

Courtaulds £10m showpiece factory's future at Kilmersdale town, Lancashire, was in the balance yesterday for the second time in two years. The group yesterday sent letters to all 1,200 employees to find out how many were prepared to "under conditions which would give us a chance of operating viably."

The union in dispute, the Amalgamated Textile Trade Union, described the move as a case of "divide and rule" and blamed the management for some of the losses, and called for Government arbitration.

Mr John Billing, general manager of the Kilmersdale factory, the biggest weaving mill in western Europe, when opened in 1969, states in his letter that they are taking this action before making any more decisions about the future of the plant.

After a mass meeting of workers yesterday, Mr Bill Maunders, local secretary of the ATTU said: "The lads are prepared to go back to work on a status quo arrangement and consider and discuss any way round the problem which can be thought of."

By sending out a letter to all the employees the company is trying to divide and rule. Raleigh said. A two-week-old strike by 900 metal workers has stopped production of cycles at the Nottingham factories of Raleigh Industries and is undermining the company's position in the world's largest manufacturer. Nearly half the 5,500-strong labour force have been laid off.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to be worse off with profits

From Mr H. J. Rogers

Sir, I wonder how many "with profits" policyholders in a leading British life assurance society, intending to surrender their policies, are aware that unless they do so precisely at the time that bonuses are allocated to the policy by the society, the payment of further premiums will not increase the surrender value by the extent of the premiums unless the surrender is deferred until the following bonus allocation date.

In other words, the policyholder is actually worse off by continuing to pay premiums and a substantial part of every premium paid in between may be simply wasted.

To illustrate the point, I effected a "with profits" endowment policy for a sum assured of £10,000 with this particular society on February 1, 1967, and have been paying monthly premiums of £48.73 until recently. In February this year the society quoted a surrender value of £3,941 on the presumption of payment of the February, 1974, monthly premium.

For various reasons I delayed making a decision, but in June I finally decided to surrender, and on the presumption of payment of the June premium, I was quoted a surrender value of £4,047.

In other words, in order to "earn" an additional surrender value of £106 I have had to pay in premiums £194.92. It is evident that if I had continued to pay premiums until November my position would have been proportionately worse.

The reason for this unsatisfactory state of affairs is that the society pay an interim bonus

where the policy has come to, what they choose to call, "natural termination," through death of maturity, but not in the case of a surrender.

To me this seems nothing short of iniquitous. The policyholder has paid for his bonuses and there is no justifiable reason, in my opinion, why an office should seek to select in this respect against a policyholder. I further suggest that the point is quite sufficiently subtle for one to assume that no lay person, and a very great many professional insurance people, have not tumbled to the significance of this reprehensible method of calculation.

I am absolutely certain that an ordinary, innocent, unformed policyholder would undoubtedly continue to pay premiums with the comfortable feeling that each premium must be conveying some benefit to the value of his policy.

I have spoken to the life superintendents of a considerable number of life offices, and so far I have found none who differentiate in any way between a surrender and a claim by death or maturity in so far as the allocation of interim bonuses are concerned. The Commercial Union and the Sun Alliance, to name but two, in some cases the offices I spoke to were incredulous that such a practice existed.

In the interests of the insuring public, and at a time when there is a wide acceptance of the duty to safeguard the consumer in every possible respect against a misunderstanding of the terms of a business arrangement—and a life assurance contract is surely no exception—I think that this practice should

receive the widest publicity. Yours truly, H. J. ROGERS, Barton Spinney, Hampers Lane, Storrington, Sussex. October 28.

From Mr A. C. G. Wolstenholme

Sir, From time to time commentators have mentioned the decline of the stock affects millions of people pension schemes and life insurance policies.

In 1969, I started a life policy with a company linked to equities then seemed a sensible life cover has, of course, provided and eventually 1990s a lump sum will be able. So far the premium totalled £1,000 in six months.

In 1972, the surrender of the policy was £500 two premiums later, it is inflation, cannot, though gotten. Examination of the values may be a shrewd. Nevertheless, I pleaded with the result that the policy was worth the money.

The tendency to ever-increasing pensions and rises in terms of taxation suffer from re-investing earned lump sum funds. Perhaps it is this inflation that this is a redundancy. Yours faithfully, A. C. G. WOLSTENHOLME, Monks Barn, Brewers Lane, North Winchester, Hampshire.

Conveyancing inaccuracy

From the Secretary-General of the Law Society

Sir, Your usual accuracy made two errors in his "New lease for cut conveyancing," which appeared October 26. He stated organization called "I had successfully sued a which tried to by-pass conveyancing matter. T not so: "Homes" lost the and had to pay costs local authority.

Mr Berlins also refers the compensation fund, stered by the Law Soc such a way as to suggest, be available to clients who suffer loss through negligence on the part of a solicitor is not the case. The fund to meet the claims of clients who have suffered property loss as a result of honesty by a solicitor or of his staff.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BOWRON, Secretary-General, The Law Society's Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London, WC2, October 30.

Expensive cheap postage

From Mr David McCormick

Sir, Professor Balfour, still wishing (despite my earlier letter) to draw postal and currency comparisons, suggests (October 25) that because our external letter rate is almost half the internal letter rate of another country (West Germany), we are getting our postage on the cheap.

I now write to point out that as our internal letter rate (even the lower one) is more than twice the internal rate of

another country (Spain), we must be paying too much.

I shall write again soon in order to demonstrate that as British postcards to Turkey seem to cost exactly the same as Turkish cards to the Middle East, we must all be paying the right amount for our postage after all.

Yours faithfully, DAVID MCCORMICK, Lingua School of Languages, 197 Victoria Street, London, SW1.

Oversimplifying reclamation problem

From Mr G. L. E. Metz

Sir, Letters such as that from Mr Cooper (Oct 16) emphasizing the need of a national policy for reclamation oversimplifies a very complex problem.

It is claimed that there is a very efficient reclamation industry in the country and in the same breath that there is a lot of potentially valuable waste material lying about that is not being collected.

At first sight it would surely seem to be the responsibility of the reclamation industry to collect this material and convert it into a form suitable for re-use. Why have they not done so? The short answer is that

most of this material cannot, in the light of present knowledge, be converted into a useful form without the expenditure of more material resources than it would save.

The industry quite understandably has no interest in this material and concentrates on the profitable materials and leaves the unprofitable materials to someone else, as though that was the end of the matter. Of course everyone knows this is not the end of the matter. Some one has to deal with the large residue of waste material and Mr Cooper seems to think it should be the Government.

Whether it is wise to encourage the Government to what at the moment is enterprise sector of industry is debatable. But one thing is certain: it would be a great if the Reclamation Industry Council would concentrate experience and the sub-financial resources that doubt possess on a program of research into ways and of converting useless waste into useful ones.

G. L. E. METZ, Bureau International de Recuperation, United Service and Royal Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Debating the prospect for Imps' dividend

any Imperial Group whether to cut its end. The possibility open by Sir John the outgoing chair- interim stage last

g a fall in first-half spoke of the heavier tobacco, beer wines levied last March; the way that surge in commodity prices boosted for working capital; the 1975 investment would have to be given a warning that would depend on cir- pinks now claim, and a justification, that sales have recovered March dip with more the cheaper bloods erial in strong. More- point to the turn- the poultry business, last July but much y; to a recent round increases across the age; and to the pos- Mr. Healey will a control next week- the shares have from 38p to 40p in a le British-American suddenly cracked 8p to urday. BAT still yields o cent and Imperial at if the dividend is d. The shares are a hedge with all busi- ad but growth though been slowing down. time to time the City on what Imperial will their 26 per cent in brokers like Simon & o notice that Imperia- e farther away from an at a time in 20 e a point, and a switch al for the short-term rewarding.

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latest accounts show, to the group was sub- helping to reduce the sheer total from \$6.7m Dowgate was not the ty to make what the report terms "an business judgment. Illmann, the merchant ch provided the rest of ce had to take manage- ment and pump in a

further £2m to keep Grendon afloat. Nevertheless, the Dowgate directors have chosen to provide in full against the advance, leaving the group with a 48 per cent stake in the private company which, after Keyser's financials have been satisfied, looks of dubious worth. If the past is any guide to the future, Dowgate shareholders have cause to be concerned by their group's potentially expensive involvement in another Selmes vehicle, St Clements Estates.

St Clements owns just under 30 per cent of Dowgate, and Dowgate owns 37 per cent of St Clements. How Dowgate in- creased its holding from 20 per cent to that level over the last financial year is a matter of some interest. The group advanced loans to a St Clements director for the purchase of 365,000 shares at a price of 48p. In April this year he defaulted on the interest payments and it was then decided (according to the footnotes in the accounts) "that the most effective way of protecting the group's interest was to purchase from Mr Randall the 365,000 shares in St Clements Estates held as security for the loans, at a price which would enable the loans and interest thereon to be repaid".

Aside from this tranche over a million shares were purchased by Dowgate between November, 1973 and February, 1974 (by when negotiations to sell St Clements had broken down) at an average price of 58p a share from private companies where four Dowgate directors, including Mr Selmes, were shareholders. Unfortunately for Dowgate, its stake in St Clements is now standing in the balance sheet (to the end of July) at a worth of approximately 25p a share, and the group has borne a book loss of £447,000 on the extra 17 per cent purchased from directors and their private interests since the turn of the year.

Dowgate also has a potential liability arising from a property development operation in Paris, in which St Clements has a 75 per cent share and Commercial Union the remainder. While the average shareholder will be hardpressed to make head or tail of the lengthy exposition of clauses and sub-clauses in the accounts, the Dowgate auditors, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, have seen fit to add a qualification that "the accounts are prepared on the basis of the company being a going concern, which is dependent upon no substantial liability having to be met as a result of the obligations detailed. . . . We are unable to express an opinion as to whether any such liability will arise."

What is clear is that St Clements (or Dowgate) has to raise, or have raised on its behalf, some £2m by the early months of next year to complete the development. Finance of £8.18m has been made available until 1976, but the accounts state that the costs of completing the development are estimated at £10.9m. And St Clements (or Dowgate) has to find three-quarters of the difference.

Dowgate shareholders await illumination as to the financial health of St Clements, which out-of-date accounts show as a fairly highly geared company. Between now and the group's annual meeting later this month they have ample time to consider whether their company's affairs are being conducted in a manner that is beneficial to all its members.

NRDC

Not just peanuts

Industry's apparent reluctance to finance new products just now, particularly those of a

technological nature, and the fairly drastic pruning of R & D budgets, has to be seen against the background of the £3,000m financial deficit projected for 1974.

In this context, the sums which the National Research Development Corporation has available directly to stimulate innovation are some £25-£30m of undrawn borrowing facility—looks like peanuts and the initiative optimistic if not misplaced. However, it seems that this £30m odd is not the whole story.

NRDC does not have inflexible borrowing limits—these being at the discretion of Whitehall and the present £50m facility under the Development of Inventions Act, of which only £21m is currently drawn down, could well be increased. Moreover, it is quite possible for the NRDC to become an agent of the Government in dispensing the funds under the Industry Act or even on behalf of the National Enterprise Board.

The attraction of a joint venture with NRDC in the present climate is not simply that its participation in the development and marketing of a product (typically 50 per cent) relieves strains on cash flow, or that NRDC can often find a banking partner to loan the rest at normal commercial rates. Risk sharing is a tangible benefit where inflation can play havoc with the best laid dis- counted cash-flow plans. If the project fails, NRDC loses its investment and in the event of a modest return on investment NRDC's take (usually in the form of a levy on sales rather than profit-sharing) is modest too.

True, it creams-off a great deal more if the success rate is high, but the present investment climate is hardly propitious in this respect.

All this is no answer to the liquidity crisis but it is a prob- ably worthwhile token gesture towards alleviating its effects.

Baker Perkins North American losses

With a yield of over 20 per cent and a prospective p/e ratio probably under 3 with the Baker Perkins share- holders looking very much a high risk/reward situation. Interim results are bad but there are signs that the worst is over. Baker Perkins Incorporated has caused most of the damage, with an interim trading loss there of £553,000 caused by cost inflation, material and component shortages and a strike. However, trading profits for the rest of the group were 26 per cent down at £714,000 and the story here is of delays on plant completion (when payment is taken) because of component shortages.

In turn, this explains the jump in interest charges from £0.22m to £0.59m and the fact that Baker Perkins came un- comfortably close to its borrowing limits. "Things have improved some- what since June 30 however. Hopefully, some of the business Baker is currently chasing in Teheran will be for better payment terms and, though the United Kingdom part of the group's total £45m order book is beginning to look less firm, there seems a fair compensat- ing hope of good margin busi- ness from the Middle East. Baker Perkins Incorporated is apparently back in profit now and, for the 15 months' accounting period to next March 31, the group may achieve about £3m pre-tax.

Interim: *1974/75 (1973)
Capitalization £4.36m
Sales £25.4m (£22.5m)
Pre-tax profits £0.3m**
(£0.75m)
Dividend gross 2.24p (2.14p)
*15-months accounting period
** loss.

One of the most tricky deci- sions which Employment Secre- tary Michael Foot will have to take in the next few weeks is what to do about the private agencies which supply em- ployers, for a fee, with "temps", nurses, air pair girls and a widening range of other employees.

The TUC wants him to abolish them. It urged him last summer to include this in his coming Employment Protection Bill, but it was not in his con- sultative paper on the Bill. Soon the TUC will be trying again.

The TUC has been arguing in favour of the abolition of such agencies for many years, but it is only in the last year or two that some affiliated unions have begun to show strong feelings on the subject. During the nurses' dispute last year, it was clear that the use of agency nurses was an im- portant factor causing unrest.

Civil Service and local gov- ernment unions have been roused to action against the use of "temps". Strong words were used at this year's Trades Union Con- gress, when a resolution was passed unanimously referring to the "parasitic" nature of the agencies and complaining that they were undermining trade union bargaining.

Apart from office workers and nurses, fee-charging employment agencies have long been active in entertainment, catering and building, although in the last they are not the main problem. They have recently been found supplying managements with doctors and

Americans pin hopes on shale oil despite the problems

Nestling in a barren fold in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado lies the Paraho Shale Oil Plant. The chimney and report of the unit are dwarfed in the sparse landscape of sagebrush and semi-desert. The landscape is more appropriate as a western movie set rather than the scene of a development which many Americans hope will eventually help to provide the answer to their domestic crude oil shortage.

Enthusiasm for shale oil is greatest among the American politicians and officials facing the formidable task of putting together an energy policy that will ensure fuel supplies for the remainder of the century and also reduce the country's dependence on imported crude oil. A recent statement from the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) that "accelerated development" of shale oil could provide 750,000 barrels a day of oil from shale by 1985. Even more optimistic forecasts have emerged from the Department of the Interior.

But the technicians involved in working out economically profitable methods of mining huge quantities of oil-bearing shale from the Rocky Mountains and then crushing and heating it so that the oil is released are no concerned about evolving a basic method of operation to begin talking about an accelerated programme.

Not least of the problems facing the shale oil men is the effect of large-scale mining and processing on the environ- ment. While the Paraho pilot plant, sponsored by 16 compa- nies mainly in the oil business, is insignificant in the Colorado River valley, a commercial sized plant would not be so unobtrusive.

The real problem, fully recognised in a severe volume government study on the environmental aspects of shale oil development, is not the visual impact but the waste produced by the plants. A shale oil plant is in fact a breeding ground for extremely de- structive bacteria. The waste, nuclear industry, but a real head- ache to the oilmen. Each cubic foot of shale rock fed into the processing plant produces 1 1/2 cu ft of waste, mostly in the form of dust. To prevent huge

dust clouds gathering, the waste has to be watered and compacted, emphasising an- other difficulty—the lack of ample water supplies in shale rock areas of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

Water supplies could be the limiting factor on the growth of shale oil, but again estimates of this limit vary from a million barrels of oil a day to four million.

However, the biggest blow delivered to the long-term chances of shale oil so far has been the decision of the Colony Development Operation, a joint venture including Shell Oil, to suspend indefinitely the construction of the first com- mercial-sized plant in the United States. The group has been involved in a detailed planning of a 50,000 barrel-a-day facility over the past five years and in the process has spent over \$40m. The Colony group said its decision had been prompted by "double digit inflation, tight money and the absence of a national energy policy which establishes clearly the role of oil from shale."

A year ago, Colony put the cost of its first plant at \$450m but ancillary services such as community housing for site workers, and pipelines to transport the oil to market have pushed the cost to over \$1,000m.

The withdrawal of Colony from this particular project has undoubtedly disturbed members of other groups. Participants in the Paraho scheme claim that their pro- ject is simpler and more pro- fitable. But whatever the com- pany say publicly, privately they have been severely shaken by the decision. Nevertheless, they point out that the Government estimates there are over 700,000 million bar- rels of oil contained in the shale rocks of the Rockies of which 240,000 million are recoverable.

And with reserves at this level at stake the Colony with- drawal must, they say, be seen as a temporary setback rather than an indicator of a major disaster. What also could be said after the dust has settled for shale oil leases at the height of the supply crisis last winter?

The FEA's optimistic fore- casts about the potential of shale oil will be contained in a

Eric Wigham examines the pressure for abolition or stricter control

country as a whole they placed 40 per cent of female office staff and in London 60 per cent.

Their annual turnover, more than half in the "big five" firms, has been put at £45m. One estimate is that the average number of temporary employees found jobs by them ranges from 50,000 in the winter to 90,000 in the summer.

The agencies have their own organisation, the Federation of Personnel Services of Great Britain, which is affiliated to the Confederation of British Industry. The federation claims that the agencies provide a public service by using their specialised knowledge to place many people who would otherwise not find work at all, people who are available only for short periods or at special times, or irregularly, such as married women, students and overseas visitors.

The unions complain that their high rates are inflated, and that the agencies are up- set regular employees, and while those placed by them earn more in cash, they lose on fringe bene-

fits such as sick pay, holiday pay and pensions. An International Labour Convention on the abolition or strict control of agencies was adopted more than 20 years ago and has been ratified by many countries, but in Britain the only controls have been exercised by those local au- thorities, including London and other conurbations, which have sought and obtained the necessary powers.

Last year, however, the Con- servative government accepted a Private Member's Bill enab- ling the Department of Em- ployment to impose controls. This summer Mr Foot issued propo- sals for stringent regulations under the reading Act.

The TUC was not satisfied with the Act, however, assert- ing that the controls permitted, excluding regulation of fees, would not enable the United Kingdom to ratify the ILO con- vention, that enforcement should not be the responsibil- ity of local authorities, as the Act provided, but of the Man- power Services Commission, and that in any case agencies should be abolished not regu- lated.

It would hardly be practi- cable to abolish the agencies at a stroke, since work at all peo- ple who are available only for short periods or at special times, or irregularly, such as married women, students and overseas visitors. The unions complain that their high rates are inflated, and that the agencies are up- set regular employees, and while those placed by them earn more in cash, they lose on fringe bene-

sional and Executive Recruit- ment Service (PER), operated by the Department of Em- ployment, already claims to fill more top jobs than all the pri- vate agencies put together and announced recently that he is introducing a specialized ser- vice for executive secretaries and personal assistants. His first advertisement of vacan- cies for these top jobs, in the £2,000 to £2,500 a year bracket, appeared in *The Times* last week.

Mr Rees's outfit is fee- charging, though not private, and the TUC objected when it was started, on the general principle that it is wrong to make money out of finding people work.

The fact that the private agencies charge fees is not, however, the main argument against them. The provision of temporary workers is a useful service.

The trouble is that there is growing up a class of employee who might be described as per- manent "temps", made use of to fill a continuing rather than a temporary shortage of employees, earning high wages at the cost of present and future security, causing unrest among the regular staff and cut off from or even prevent- ing the establishment of a satisfactory relationship be- tween employer and employee.

For employers, to turn to the agencies is an easy, though expensive, substitute for organising their workforces more efficiently. To extend the system could not fail to have a damaging effect on industrial relations.

Harnessing the energy in the winds

From the days of sailing and windmills to the 1974 concept of an aerogenerator on the roof of an experimental "au- tonomous house", wind power has been a constant presence in the history of man.

The chief disadvantage in the exploitation of wind power is the uncertainty. Professor Richard Scorer, of Imperial College, points out.

If a serious effort were to be made, Professor Scorer says, it is certain that the wind could be used to provide an important source of electrical or direct mechanical power. "Our com- mand of the design of aerofol- ious and bearings is now so good that machines many times more efficient than the old windmills can be built."

If satisfactory means could be found to harness and store the energy, Central Electricity Generating Board scientists reported recently, it would be theoretically possible to supply the whole of present United Kingdom electricity demand from windmills sited offshore.

At present it appears that the cost of such a scheme would be prohibitive. Small-scale generation of electricity from wind power is a technically well established reality. But it has never proved economically competitive with grid supplies, largely because batteries are needed to cover periods when there is no wind.

Costs of wind driven gener- ators in Britain at present range from £245 for a complete 200 watt installation to £340 for a 1.2 kw set with wet batteries. According to CEB estimates, these costs for small scale plant could possibly be reduced to about £500 per kilowatt through mass production. But assuming that an installed capacity of three to five kw per household would be required to provide an average output of one kw, wind machines would still not com- pete with the grid supply, nor with a diesel-powered generator at about £100 per kw.

Large-scale machine costs are difficult to assess since none have been built recently. But about £150 per kw is regarded as a reasonable estimate for a large machine located on a very windy site (one where the average wind speed is greater than 10 metres per second).

Much larger rotors and hence more expensive installations, would be needed to give the

same average output at less windy sites. In addition, trans- mission costs from remote sites of perhaps £20 per kw would be a considerable extra.

If some techniques for storing large amounts of energy—such as pumped storage, compressed air, hydrogen or other methods—were to become prac- ticable, wind conversion could then be considered as compet- ing with nuclear plant to supply this stored energy.

The cost of nuclear power plant is about £230 per kw and its load factor is very high. Wind plant at £170, including transmission costs, per kw with a load factor of only 0.2 to 0.4 would show much higher capital cost per unit output.

Since fuel costs are low for nuclear plant at present, wind plant could not compete on economic grounds unless a big increase in nuclear fuel costs occurred.

According to the scientists, wind power could be economic at places where the average wind speed is about nine metres per second. A survey by the Electrical Research Association found 39 such sites in Britain, most of which were on hills.

Assuming three large machines on each of these sites, the combined average output would be only about 140 mega- watts. This relatively small amount of power would be obtained at the cost of many tall towers (perhaps 100 metres high), in places of scenic beauty.

One suggested alternative is to place the windmills offshore, either on towers set in the seabed or mounted on large buoys. At the other end of the spec- trum, Cambridge University's department of architecture has been looking at wind power on the scale of individual homes as part of its "autonomous house" project. In this scheme, wind and solar power would be vir- tually the sole sources of energy for heating and lighting.

According to Alexander Pike, director of the project, wind-generated electricity (from batteries coupled to existing machines) is about four times as expensive as the average mains cost for the first 1,200 kw hours per annum. But, he said, "more than 1,200 kw hours drawn directly from the generator equates with mains costs".

Kenneth Owen

Business Diary: Troubles by the lorryload • Styx and stones

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appointed as chief executive after ICGC bought out Hilton. But Jeune had to step in on the "sudden and unexpected departure" on medical advice of McNaughton two weeks before the group's annual general meeting.

Enter Peter Hughes. Hughes, according to yesterday's announcement (itself a model of unconvincingness), was "until recently" a director of Grand Metropolitan. It does not mention that Hughes was even more recently than that finance director of Bovis.

Hughes joined the building firm on February 1 of this year, just under two months before the P & O offer for Bovis became unconditional.

There then arose a slight hitch, namely that P & O already had a finance director, Oliver Brooks. There was not enough room on the bridge for the pair of them, so Hughes was the man overboard.

He wasn't alone. Alan Elliott, chief executive of the property division, has since gone, as have non-executive directors Dame Evelyn Sharp and Paddy Naylor, a P & O rival.

Hughes, who was head-hunted for the Roadships Limited job, is now back on board a craft, but one that may be as glad to see him as he is to see it. Roadships' quote is still sus- pended. A Department of Trade report is pending. Hilton himself is due to answer charges at the Old Bailey in the summer.

Lastly, the post-Hilton com- pany reported a £435,000 loss for the first half to February 9 and



Peter Hughes: never a dull moment.

more of the same is expected for the second. And you think you've got problems?

Looking black

Things are looking black in the funeral industry, at least so far as the undertakers' trade union is concerned. It appears that there has been so little industrial unrest in the funeral par- lour of the land for the past few years that the National Union of Funeral Service Oper- atives is passing away for lack of support.

David Coates, the union's general secretary, said at his Greenwich headquarters yester- day that unless more members

were recruited and income improved, the union could well have to fold up. Membership is now little more than a thousand, and the coffers—and he did say coffers—are almost empty.

Over the past 30 years there has been very little industrial unrest in the funeral trade, which would not have been the case had there been no funeral union through which to channel members' grievances. Funeral directors therefore should be grateful for the existence of this union, and should make genuine attempts to see that their staffs play their part by becoming members." Coates said yesterday.

It is comforting to know that one's last journey is unlikely to be delayed by unofficial strikes and go-slows, which is more than can be said for journeys on the Southern Region. But our industrial correspondent reports that ferry crews on the River Styx are demanding new bonus payments because of a steadily increased traffic.

An electronic transmitting key and control unit made by security experts Distloc, and used for remotely locking and unlocking strong doors, van doors, cash registers and petrol pumps etc, have been taken from their display case. (Dist- loc press release.)

Bank's Belgian

In the days before Competition and Credit Control, smaller banks would traditionally seek a merchant-banker's presence on

their boards to obtain an impartial but informed out- sider's view. Nowadays, how- ever, everyone in the United Kingdom banking business feels himself to be in hot competi- tion with everyone else, and the search for the impartial outside opinion has had to stretch farther afield.

In the case of Williams & Glyn's Bank, the search has led it to become the first of the British clearers to recruit a foreigner to its board as a non-executive director in the person of Lucien Wauters.

Once the bank had taken the decision to look abroad 48-year- old Wauters was an obvious enough choice. As president of Kredietbank NV Brussels he was the founder of the Inter- Alpha Group of Banks, a group of seven medium to small Euro- pean banks of which Williams & Glyn's is one.

Wauters' spread of interests has earned him a truly European reputation. Besides his diverse Belgian interests he is active on the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce, the European League for Cooper- ation, the International Monetary Fund and the Atlantic Institute for International Affairs, to name just a few.

He also finds time to belong to no less than 10 educational and cultural associations, and to write a book on foreign trade. So it is less sur- prising that Williams & Glyn's should have alighted on Wauters than that he should find time to fit in the monthly trip to London for the bank's board meetings.

INTERIM STATEMENT

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The results for the half year to 30th September 1974 are:			
	Half year to 30th Sept. 74 (unaudited)	Half year to 30th Sept. 73 (unaudited)	Full year to 31st March 74 (audited)
External Sales (after Customers' bonus)	5,847	4,295	9,566
Profit before Taxation	1,218	863	2,085
Corporation Tax (52%)	633	449	932
Profit after Taxation	585	414	1,153

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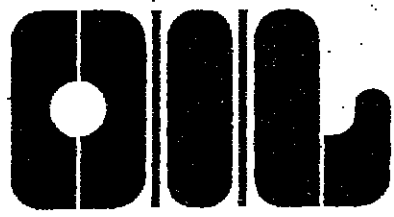
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For further details please telephone Mr. J. Welchman-01-527 5544 Ext. 265. Application forms from Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF (Tel. 527 5544 Ext. 392). Closing date 22nd November.

London Borough of
**Waltham
Forest**

Deputy Borough
Administrative
& Legal Officer

Salary up to £7,000 plus

Applicants should be solicitors with sound local government experience and management ability. The main task will be to take charge of and to develop the Council's Legal Division. At present the Division has 27 established posts (including six solicitors). An O. & M. Review report—recently adopted in principle—proposes further posts. The Deputy will have other responsibilities within the Administrative and Legal Service and the opportunity to participate in the Council's developing corporate approach to management and forward planning.

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For further details, job description and application form please write to the Director of Management Services, Town Hall, Erith, Kent, DA8 7TL, or telephone 01-303 7777 extension 430. Closing date: 18th November.

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Applicants should have a discriminating enthusiasm for industrial design, good administrative experience and the ability to communicate effectively with industrial management at all levels. The successful candidate could be a product manager or designer, or a marketing manager, or an architect, but he must have good educational qualifications. Preferred age limits 35-50. The post will be London-based, but there will be a good deal of travelling. The salary will be in the range £5,591-£7,293 p.a. The successful applicant will join a contributory pension scheme and receive approximately 5 weeks' paid holiday. For further details please write to Sir Paul Reilly, Director, Design Council, 23 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4SU.

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Candidates should have several years' experience in research, preferably on vertebrates, and a strong interest in the ecology of vertebrates and their prey, including birds as well as mammals.

QUALIFICATIONS: An appropriate first or second class honours degree (or equivalent) and at least four years relevant post-graduate experience.

Applicants should send their curriculum vitae, together with a list of references, to the Director, Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, 27-29 Charles Cross Road, London WC1N 0AX. Please quote reference 27/29 in the title of your letter. Closing date: 26 November, 1974.

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The Records Officer will work to the Registrar, and be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of lists of training institutions, keeping lists of successful students, arrangements for the preparation of the

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Candidates should have had some experience in the collection of information and preparation of statistics and in the management of staff. The point of entry to the salary scale will depend on the age, knowledge and experience of the person selected. A contributory superannuation scheme is available.

Further information and forms of application can be obtained from the Deputy Registrar, C.C.E.T.S.W., Clifton House, Euston Road, London WC1 2RS. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 26th November 1974.

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County Clerk

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Applications to be submitted by November 18, 1974.

Application forms and further information (where applicable) for the above vacant post can be obtained from the Personnel Section, Gwent County Council, County Hall, Cwmbran, Gwent NP4 2XH, to be returned by the date shown to the same address.

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